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New State Representative in the 19th Middlesex District

## Robertson sails past Prinzivalli in Wilmington



David Robertson addresses his supporters at the Tewksbury Country Club on election night.

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — In a close race, David Robertson beat out Pina Prinzivalli for Representative in the General Court for the 19th Middlesex district with 9,110 to her 8,216 votes between Wilmington and Tewksbury. Robertson easily won 4,688 to 3,922 in Wilmington. Patricia Meuse earned a total of 1,570 votes, 466 in Wilmington.

The final vote waited until the last minute, after midnight, for Tewksbury to add up their totals including early voting.

The Town Clerk's office also shared the following numbers for the rest of the election results in Wilmington. Receiving a grand total of 11,294 ballots between early voting and yesterday's vote, the town contributed to re-elections including Maura Healey's win with 6,660 to James McMahon's 4,322; Charlie Baker and Karyn Polito to

Governor and Lieutenant Governor over Jay Gonzalez and Quentin Palfrey, 8,858 to 2,243; and Seth Moulton's win for Representative in General Court with 6,361 to newcomer Joseph Schneider's 4,130.

However, Geoff Diehl earned Wilmington's vote for Senator, 5,642, over Elizabeth Warren, 5,031, the latter winning her reelection in the State of Massachusetts. This race remained close between Warren and Diehl in Wilmington. Their numbers by precinct were 903 to 844; 908 to 772; 908 to 799; 1,014 to 863; 931 to 921; and 978 to 833.

Besides 394 votes to Shiva Ayyadurai to keep these numbers close, there were a total of 213 blanks and 14 write-ins. These are the town's precinct votes and not the total across the State of Massachusetts.

The uncontested candidates elected are Bruce Tarr to State Senator, Ken Gordon to 21st district state rep, Marian Ryan to Dis-

trict Attorney, and Michael Sullivan to Middlesex Clerk of Courts. Wilmington also helped incumbents William Francis Galvin defeat Anthony Amore and Juan G. Sanchez for Secretary of State; Deborah Goldberg beat Keiko Orrall and Jamie Guerin for Treasurer; and Suzanne Bump defeat Helen Brady, Daniel Fishman, and Edward Stamas for Auditor. Re-elected to Governor's Councilor, Eileen Duff earned 5,635 votes compared to Richard Baker's 4,457 and Marc Mercier's 314. Finally, for Register of Deeds, Richard Howe, Jr., took 6,705 votes and Karen Cassella 2,589.

Wilmington ballot votes were the same across its six districts and therefore also in total: no on question 1 — 8,746 to 2,159; yes on question 2 — 6,970 to 3,793; and yes on question 3 — 5,962 to 4,517. Residents can look for the final election results on the town clerk's website soon.



▲ Candidate David Robertson joined by Congressman Seth Moulton and a massive group of supporters along Main Street in Wilmington Sunday morning.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)

## Elementary teachers to try new science curriculums

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Select elementary school classrooms in Wilmington will be trying out new science curriculums in the coming

months.

At an Oct. 24 meeting of the Wilmington School Committee, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brian Reagan and elementary STEM coordinator Lisa Murphy presented on the new pilot programs.

The two curriculums will come from Pearson (the program already used at the Middle School level) and STEMscopes (an entirely online program with no workbooks or consumables). Each will be piloted by a third, fourth, and fifth grade teacher in town.

Murphy cited the implementation of the national Next Generation Science Standards on MCAS testing for third, fourth, and fifth graders as a primary reason for conducting the test runs this year. Reagan also noted that the State of Massachusetts has gone on to implement its own standards even more robust than the Next Generation Science Standards.

Reagan noted that the new program would appeal to other learning goals for students.

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## iPods for Wounded Veterans sponsor Teamsters' Veterans Day luncheon

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington nonprofit organization that serves injured servicemen and women all over the east coast, iPods for Wounded Veterans, was invited to D.C. to sponsor the Teamsters', or the International Brotherhood of Teamsters', first National Veterans Day Luncheon. Founder and co-president Paul Cardello joined President of Teamsters Local 122 Joe Zuffante at the luncheon this

afternoon.

Cardello shared that this is the biggest event that iPods has ever been attached to.

"For us to be the premiere sponsor [of this event] is unreal," he said.

He is honored to represent the IFWV Board of Directors and the people of Massachusetts who have put time and effort into helping local and national veterans.

Besides a speech from Cardello himself, the Veterans Day luncheon sponsored by iPods featured

guest speakers from a number of military hospitals. The iPods representative is especially excited to give out bags of electronics to the injured servicemen and women who'll be in attendance in D.C. He also reported the Walter Reed Army Medical Center even set up a specialized transportation service to get veterans to and from the luncheon.

The idea for the luncheon was actually proposed by Wilmington's iPods team

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## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### Afternoon Jazz and Bossa Concert on Nov. 14

Go by Clare Mackintosh  
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Kim Rowley. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book.

#### English Conversation Group (third Thursday) \*RR

Thursday, November 15, 7pm-8pm

Practice speaking English with fellow English language learners in a relaxed environment. Open to all ability levels. Led by ESL Teacher and Program Coordinator Susan MacDonald.

#### Poetry Circle \*RR

Saturday, November 17, 9:15 am-11:30 am

Love poetry? The poetry circle is a great opportunity to meet other poets and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

#### Get Your Job Search Questions Answered \*RR

Monday, November 19, 10 am

Hear dos and don'ts from an experienced career counselor. Get the answers to the questions that are your biggest obstacles to a successful job search. How to answer interview questions, dealing with "you are too experienced for this role", and salary questions. Taught by MassHire staff.

#### Kids & Teen Events

##### Art Adventures: Create your own 3-D Water Lilies in the style of Monet \*RR

Tuesday, November 13, 3:45 pm  
Create your own masterpiece in the style of three celebrated artists and illustrators. We'll explore different forms of media and techniques to make one of a kind artwork for you to take home. Grades 1-5

##### Kindergarten Book Club \*RR

Wednesday, November 14, 3:45 pm

This book club is for Kindergarteners who miss storytime or those who love to be read to. We will read and discuss a few books together, then do a fun activity. Kindergarten

#### First Look Book Group \*RR

Thursdays November 15, 2:30 pm

Want to discover the next big thing in YA lit? First Look is for you! Hang out with other teen fiction aficionados and read books hot off the presses. Take home a book to keep after every meeting. Grades 6-12

#### R.E.A.D. Middle Grade Book Club: Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes \*RR

Friday, November 16, 3:45 pm

Read, Eat and Discuss great books. Pick up a copy at the library. Grades 4-5

#### Drop-In Baby Times

Saturday, November 17, 9:30 am

Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

#### Pokémon Club

Saturday, November 17, 3 pm

Join other Pokémon lovers to play the game, trade cards and have fun! Grades 1+

**Upcoming Events**  
Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older.

#### How to Make the Perfect Pie Crust \*RR

Tuesday, November 13, 7 pm  
Wilmington resident and expert pie maker, Scott Crispin, will demonstrate how to make the perfect pie crust. Scott will bring a few of his famous pies to sample as well to serve as inspiration to make your own for the

holidays.

#### Science: The Problem, the Solution, or Neither? \*RR

Wednesday, November 14, 7 pm  
Is science to blame or to thank for the conditions we live in? Every day we see examples of science gone wrong: oil spills, pollution, toxic waste... but many of the things we take for granted in life were also created by science. Is science really the problem? Join Michael Cross, chemistry professor at Northern Essex and chair of the Natural Sciences Department, who is known for his entertaining science talks.

#### Jazz and Bossa: Haley Peltz and Molly Flannery \*RR

Thursday, November 15, 2:30 pm

Haley and Molly have performed together in numerous venues around Boston, including the Middlesex Jazz Festival in June 2018. Their show seeks new cultural connections between American jazz and Brazilian music, highlighting women composers. Haley won 1st place in the Popular Singing Competition at the São Paulo School of Music. Molly Flannery has been part of the Boston Jazz scene since 1985. For years she let her own Quintet and put out two CDs as a composer and band leader.

#### Novel Ideas Book Group

Thursday, November 15, 7 pm

Featured Book: I Let You



#### ◀ The Hooper family:

Maura Hooper (married to Gregg), Gregg Hooper, George Hooper (third grandson), Kath Hooper (Wife of Glenn), Glenn Hooper, George Hooper, Michelle Hooper (wife of George), Paul McCarthy (brother of Alice Hooper), Julianne Hooper (granddaughter), and Shane Johnson.

▼ Below, Alice and George toast 60 years together.



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## Happy 60th Anniversary, Alice and George Hooper!

Alice (McCarthy) Hooper was born and raised in Chelsea, went to high school at Saint Rose, and George was born and went to school in Everett. Alice and George met in the 50's. She was 21 and he was 19 when they got married at Saint Rose in Chelsea on Nov. 2, 1958. They lived in Chelsea for years where he was on the Chelsea PD. They moved to Wilmington in 1968 where he was on the WPD until he went to work for the State of Mass. Div. of Insurance. Alice raised three boys and worked for many years until she retired from Avco here in town. Both were very active in public service in town serving on different boards and committees. Besides their three sons, they have two wonderful grandchildren, Julianne and George. Although they fly south for the winters they still call Wilmington home today.

(photos: BruceHilliard.com)

## News and notes from WCTV

By **SHAUN NEVILLE**  
WCTV Executive Director

If you watched the Red Sox World Series run (like most of us), you were bombarded with ads for YouTubeTV, which was the premiere television sponsor. YouTubeTV is growing fairly quickly, as are similar streaming services like DirectTV Now, Sling TV and PlayStation Vue. The basic gist is that you get your TV channels through an internet stream, rather than a traditional coax cable. Here's what it means for Wilmington's television channel: WCTV.

While WCTV comes standard on Verizon and Comcast, none of the online streaming services carry our stations. Simply put, they don't have to. And even if they wanted to, there would likely be some technical hurdles to get over. For comparison, Verizon and Comcast are both required

to provide air time to WCTV through their cable licensing agreements with the town. And they're also providing funding.

Each month, a small percentage of cable revenue comes to WCTV in order to provide service to the community. As people cut the cord, they not only lose WCTV as a traditional television channel, they're also eliminating some of those funds. It's not like all our neighbors suddenly dropped cable, but after peaking in 2015, the total number of cable households in Wilmington is down about three percent. So this is something we've started to pay attention to.

As a non-profit serving the town, we want WCTV to be available to everyone, whether you have cable or don't. And if you're someone who can easily navigate SmartTV apps or prefer to watch videos on your phone or lap-

top, we make it all available to you... for free.

But here's what we want you to consider: Even if you're watching us for free online, you can still support WCTV by making a donation. We've put a link on our website with more information.

WCTV is doing a lot of good in the community right now and we're not going to let a little cord-cutting get in our way. Please consider supporting us as we look to continue our work in Wilmington.

#### New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's three television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch most of them at WCTV.org.

• **Youth Videos:** Videos from our youth program are starting to crank out. You'll

find lots of new stuff from our kids in the West, North and Middle School. Look for a link to our Youth YouTube Channel at [wctv.org](http://wctv.org).

• **WHS Football vs. Somerville:** See the Cats in their final home game before Thanksgiving.

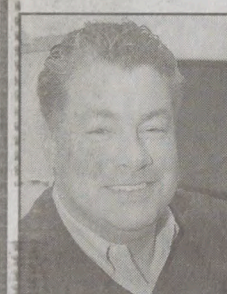
#### Upcoming Live:

• **Sunday, Nov. 11 - 11 a.m.:** Veterans Day Ceremony  
• **Tuesday, Nov. 13 - 6:30 p.m.:** Board of Selectmen  
• **Tuesday, Nov. 13 - 7:30 p.m.:** Planning Board  
• **Wednesday, Nov. 14 - 7 p.m.:** School Committee

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised, and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

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## DIVORCE TAX ISSUES

— PART I —

When getting a divorce, you should be certain to discuss with your accountant the various tax issues that need to be considered.

It is important that provisions related to your taxes are negotiated and included in your Marital Settlement Agreement or, if your matter goes to trial, raised with the court. Although taxes are often overwhelming, tax season will be much easier if you and your spouse determine these common issues in advance:

**Filing Status:** You and your spouse can file your taxes as married filing jointly or married filing separately so long as you are married on the last day of the tax year, December 31st (this is when your marital status is determined). This means that in the year you are divorced, you can no longer file jointly for that tax year. Therefore, the timing of the entry of the Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage should be considered. If you are filing jointly, you should also address how your tax refund will be divided or your tax liability will be paid. If you are receiving a refund, you should consider requesting a joint refund check or electronic deposit to a joint bank account rather than applying the refund to the following tax year as it will be applied to the first named taxpayer's return.

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# Tewksbury in the 'Great War' 100 years ago

By MICHAEL L. KELLEY

100 years ago, the United States entered World War I to assist the French and British in their war with the Imperial German Empire. The Allied armies were exhausted after over three years of static trench warfare with millions of casualties. They badly needed the fresh and strong American army to come to their aid.

On April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson ordered the U.S. Armed Forces into action to turn the tide of battle.

The citizens of Tewksbury responded with patriotic fervor and many enlisted or answered the draft calls for active duty. Local women volunteered as nurses, Red Cross workers, and as home front volunteers to make goods and materials for the troops, such as bandages and knitted caps.

Some of these men became members of the 26th Yankee Division of the Army National Guard which consisted of units from all over New England. The 26th was the very first unit to deploy overseas to France as a complete army infantry division.

They arrived in the war-torn country in September of 1917 and began training for trench warfare under the supervision of French and British army instructors

who were veterans of fighting the Germans in the mud-filled trenches along the Western Front.

The 104th Infantry Regiment of the 26th Division was the first infantry unit to enter combat and Tewksbury men were a part of this action in February, 1918 near Adremont and St. Mihiel. They withstood multiple German Army assaults under enemy artillery fire and beat back the enemy inflicting large casualties on the Germans.

For inexperienced troops, they fought well and were decorated by the French government with the French Croix de Guerre Medal for their valor. Some were killed in action and seriously wounded and gassed.

Their names are listed on three World War I memorials in town that honor their sacrifices. These Tewksbury heroes fought at places like Aisne-Marne, Belleau-Wood, and in the final great offensive that ended the war at Meuse-Argonne where they pushed the Germans back into Germany.

With the Germans defeated, the Armistice to end the war was signed and went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of November, 1918. The 26th Yankee Division spent a total of 210 days in the line fighting the Germans and lost 1,587 killed in



(Courtesy photo)

action and 12,077 wounded in action. A total of 3,363 men were gassed by the Germans, 136 were taken Prisoners of War, and 283 officers and men were listed as Missing in Action.

The division inflicted great

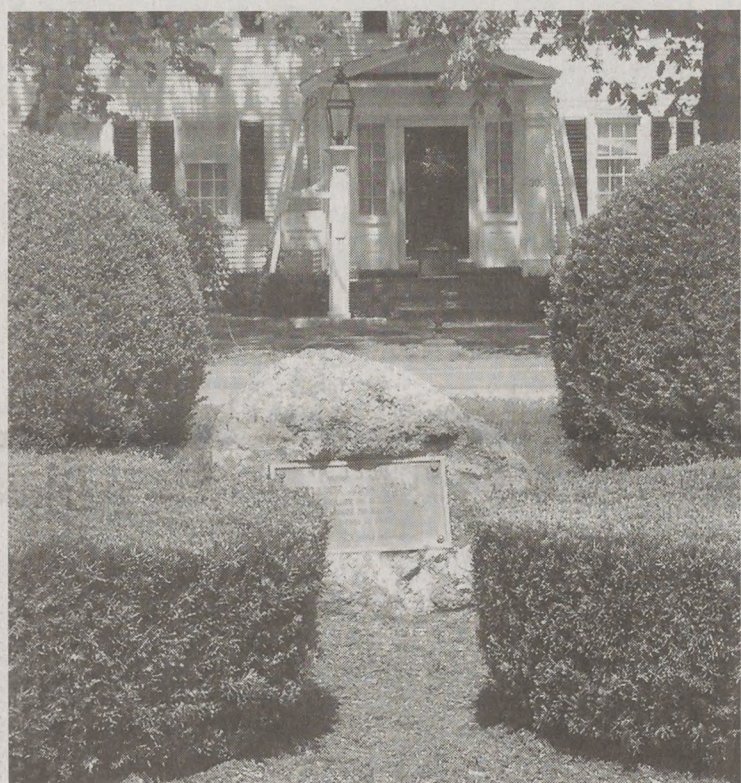
losses on the Germans and captured 3,148 German officers and enlisted men.

This Veterans Day take an hour of your time to visit the Veterans Cemetery on East Street and reflect on the World War I veterans who

gave the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms. Remember the young men who left their homes in Tewksbury and died in the war, never to see their loved ones again. Everett E. Fulton, Dennis O'Connell, Dexter E. Bailey,

and all the others who returned home and suffered from their injuries, gassing, diseases and shell shock in the Great War of 1917-1918.

They were all American heroes.



▲ Regan Park is at the corner of Salem Street and Middlesex Avenue. Private John Regan was killed in action in the advance on Naves, France on October 11, 1918.

► Nee Park is at the intersection of Marion Street, Chestnut Street and Burlington Avenue. Martin J. Nee was lost at sea with 63 other shipmates when the U.S.S. Jacob Jones was sunk by submarine U-53 off the coast of England on December 6, 1917.



## History:

## Wilmington lost three men in World War I

By LARZ F. NEILSON

It was known as "the war to end all wars," but obviously that was not the case.

World War I ended at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 100 years ago this week. The day of commemoration was initially called Armistice Day, later to become Veterans' Day, honoring all who have served.

Paul Chalifour wrote about Wilmington's three World War I casualties in his booklet, *Wilmington, A Celebration of Our Times*.

The war began in 1914 after the assassination of Austrian Grand Duke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo. While that might seem a small event to trigger a large war, the strings of alliances set up what became known as the World War. The primary combatants were grouped into two Haines, Great Britain, France and Russia versus Germany, the Austrian-Hungarian empire, and Italy. The war was a particularly

bloody conflict with millions of casualties. Modernization of weapons and the use of poison gas contributed greatly to the toll.

The U.S. did not enter the war until April 6, 1917 after the Germans declared open season on all shipping.

On Dec. 6, 1917, a German u-boat sank the U.S. destroyer USS Jacob Jones in the North Atlantic, near the Scilly Islands, southwest of England. The ship was one of several destroyers which had been patrolling the area for subs. Among the 66 sailors who perished was Chief Machinist's Mate Martin J. Nee. The Jones was enroute from Brest, France to Queenstown, Ireland when it was hit by a torpedo, causing its oil bunkers to rupture and explode. As the ship sank, stern first, several depth charges on board also exploded, killing some U.S. sailors who had survived the initial explosions.

10 months later, in the last month of the war, Wilming-

ton lost two soldiers. Pvt. John Reagan died in Naves, France in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, one month before the armistice. His family lived on Ballardvale Street, directly behind the old North School.

Sgt Harold Rogers died on Oct. 13, his 29th birthday. He was in a military hospital at Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont.

There is a memorial to Martin J. Nee on Burlington Avenue at Chestnut Street. A memorial for John Reagan was placed on Middlesex Avenue at High Street in North Wilmington. That memorial was moved 60 years ago, and is now in front of the Cadwallader Ford house at 300 Salem St.

A memorial to Harold Rogers was made from granite quarried in Wilmington, and was placed at the top of Glen Road. It has been moved to a site near the town's old cemetery, adjacent to the Congregational Church.

◀ Rogers Park is located at the intersection of Glen Road and Middlesex Ave. and is dedicated to Harold R. Rogers who was a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was killed in service to our country on October 13, 1918.

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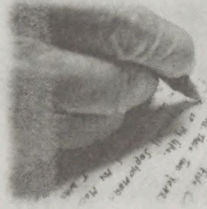
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# OPINION



## Letters to the editor

### Thanks for helping clean up

Thank you, Tewksbury! The Tewksbury Beautification Committee would like to thank everyone who came out on Sunday to help with the Fall Clean Up Day/Half Way to Earth Day.

Since 2014, residents have come together twice each year to pick up trash and debris from our roads, schools, waterways and open spaces. This event is a way to show a commitment to the community and help keep the town looking nice.

Residents as young as kindergarten all the way to those in their 80s were on hand to help on a glorious, crisp fall day. We all recognize the importance of keeping our town litter free for health and environmental reasons, but there is also great importance in keeping the aesthetic of Tewksbury garbage-free.

So much of what is collected is blown trash from dumpsters, totes and the

like. We encourage you to "keep a lid on it" and tuck your trash and recycling down into your barrels as the windier weather approaches. Sadly, much of the debris picked up was discarded tires, alcohol and nip bottles, plastic bags, and fast food containers, along with televisions, car parts, and furniture. Plastic water bottles may have topped the list this year as one of the most frequently picked up items.

The committee is grateful for the assistance of the DPW, Office of the Town Manager and the local media for helping to get the word out. Civic, religious and school groups are welcomed to join us in the spring for our Earth Day event.

To receive notices just email [clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com](mailto:clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Tewksbury Beautification Committee

### Successful Cheerleading Boosters Invitational

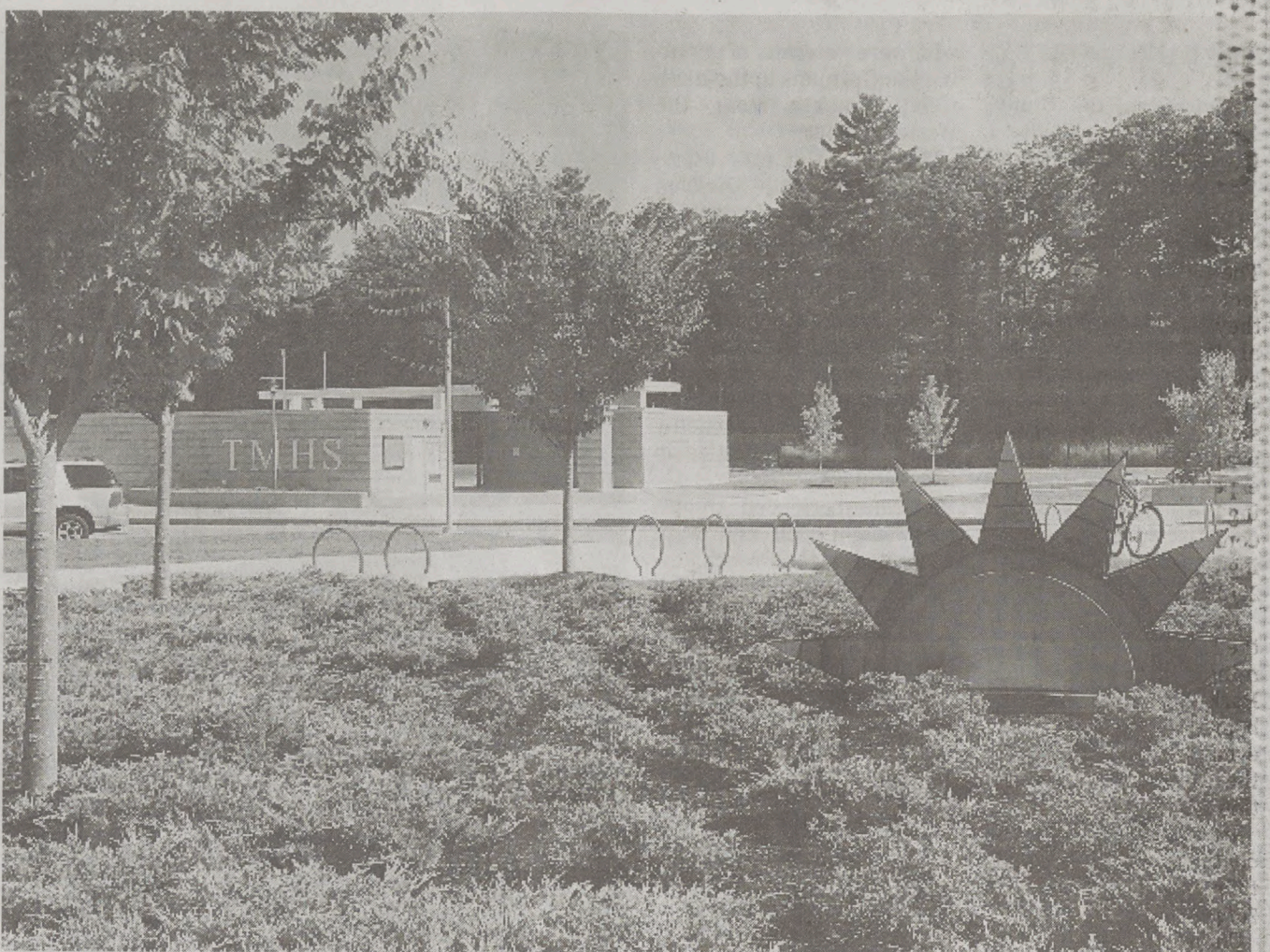
To the editor,

The Tewksbury Cheerleading Boosters hosted our 6th annual Invitational on Oct. 21 at TMHS. The day was a lot of fun and a big success and we'd like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship: Wilkey's Gymnastics, Fresh Looks Salon, Fitzzy's, American Gutter Cleaning, Revive, Sullivan Ville Group, TJ Callahan's Pub, Building Professionals, Inc, Building Technology Engineers, Riverside Car Care, Hair Extreme Salon, Mike's Market/Taki's Pizza, Sherry's Cupcake, Meat Again, Refined Hair Studio, Performance Training Center,

Shannon Cardoso Photography, East Celebrity Elite, Wamesit Lanes, Dance Expressions, Debbie's Day Care, KJ Fitness, Schlott Tire, Kyoto, Circle Health Tewksbury and the Tewksbury Country Club.

We'd also like to thank Liam Nation for sponsoring our t-shirts for our first ever Cheerleader for a Day event on Oct. 6, which raised a significant amount of money for the Alzheimer's Association. We love our sponsors and our Redmen Cheerleaders!

Tewksbury Cheerleading Boosters



(Matt Fronduto photo)

## Veterans Day assembly approaches at TMHS

By MATT FRONDUTO  
TMHS Correspondent

Often, it can be easy to take for granted the privileges afforded to us as free American citizens — and even easier to overlook the people for whom we have to thank for these privileges. Namely, the veterans who have traveled overseas to risk their lives to fight for the morals and principles of their country, and in doing so, helped to keep us all free.

However, Tewksbury Memorial High School has consistently made it a point of emphasis to appreciate the sacrifices made by this country's armed forces on behalf of the happiness and freedom of millions of strangers.

Thus, as has become tra-

dition at Tewksbury High, students will gather on the Friday before Veterans Day in the school's gymnasium to honor the brave men and women who have served our country valiantly. Each year, a dozen or so former and current service men are personally honored by the Tewksbury School Committee, the TMHS administration, a representative from the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), and history teacher Brian Aylward, as seas of students and staff look on from the crowds, equally as eager to show their respects to those who have sacrificed so much for the United States.

As the event progresses, the audience is treated to several well-composed, respectful odes and speeches

delivered by various members of the administration and the School Committee, all honoring the veterans before whom they stand. Among the speeches delivered will be those of two junior students, who will be school's champions of the yearly VFW Essay Contest, delivering powerful words about this year's topic, "Why My Vote Matters."

Traditionally, a male and female winner will both take to the podium to share their responses with the few dozen guests of honor, along with the over one thousand people otherwise crowded into the auditorium.

Interwoven throughout the ceremony will typically be short anecdotes or wise speeches from the veter-

ans themselves, providing those in attendance with valuable lessons that only someone who has lived through as much turmoil can teach. However, what is perhaps more impressive than anything else at the ceremonies, is the incredible resilience that is present within each one of the servicemen and women.

They have all, some voluntarily, some involuntarily, been put through a living hell, yet have emerged strong. Therefore, for all the lessons that may be preached from a podium, no lesson is more effective than that which can be shown and felt, and the resilience and toughness of those troops certainly radiates throughout the school.

### Sign Christmas, holiday cards for wounded veterans

WILMINGTON — On Saturday, Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 136 invites the public to come to the Wilmington Mason Hall located at 35 Church St. in Wilmington to assist iPods for Wounded Vets to sign Christmas and holiday cards for hospitalized vets. Troop 136 will supply all materials and light refreshments will be served.

In addition, World War II Veteran John Katsaros will be presenting a book talk and signing on his book — *Code Burgundy — The Long Escape* based as his experience as a 20-year old aerial gunner who was shot down and seriously wounded. He escaped capture with the assistance from the Free French Resistance. Also, local bee-keeper Adele Passmore will have a demonstration on the art of bee-keeping and will have



▲ World War II Veteran and book author, John Katsaros

(Courtesy photo)

local honey samples and available for purchase.

Boy Scout Troop 136 hope that the local community can spend a few minutes on Saturday and support our local Veterans.

For questions, please call Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email [troop136wilm@aol.com](mailto:troop136wilm@aol.com).

## Types of jobs 'not at risk' going forward

By PAUL J. ANDREWS  
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Mass. Ass'n. of School Superintendents  
Chairman of the Board of Winchester Hospital

### More safe jobs in the automation era

"The types of jobs that are at the least risk of being replaced by automation involve problem-solving, teamwork, critical thinking, communication and creativity. Equally important, these skills form a strong foundation for independent thinking that will serve students well no matter what career(s) they pursue throughout their lives," commented Elizabeth Mann Levesque in the "The Role of AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Education and the Changing U.S. Workforce" in the recent famed Brookings Institution report.

I have referenced these issues before in this column as we see so many positions that are being eliminated by computers and robots that seem to be a step forward but in reality a potential impediment in finding future jobs as they replace people, which can be devastating for potential workers.

Specifically, I see in the area of banking the drop in available tellers in many banks (not all, thank goodness) and the banks taking on an office-based consulting site for having folks coming into the banks needing to go through a maze of employees who want to have you take time for some long

term banking education and analysis, while many customers are in need of seeing the window teller, who now for many banks seems to be relegated to the back of the area.

The positions on the rise clearly are those with the skills of independent thinking and problem-solving and need to become a very important part of the educational preparation of our students and even spreads over to parents, in terms of using home activities or events to stimulate these processes rather than answering all questions from our children but guiding them to the thinking and decision-making process themselves on their issues.

### Negative people

Todd Whitaker, an education writer of long standing, has commented that "dealing with negative people is never easy. It's never fun. But if you don't do it, nothing about your job is fun."

Todd is so right but this is not simple, as I have said for a long time "some people love to be negative about everyone and everything." That is the way they are and they enjoy it that way. I often wonder how they get up in the morning to face another dismal day. Wow, I comment to myself, after talking to this type of person, the fastest I move away from this conversation, the better.

### Morning Pulse highlights

Just a few of the more

recent Morning Pulse reports the following: baby boomers less ready to retire than prior generations; workers do not believe Social Security and pensions will secure retirement income; things people seem to fear financially are not always worth worrying about; AAA reports gasoline prices still falling; mid-terms giving new hope for upgrades to retirement; oil prices fall on rising supply, global market woes; turning 60 focuses mind on life expectancy; as the housing market stag-

nates, American homeowners are staying put for the longest stretches ever; Can US Gas Demand keep up with surging production; and finally, early indicators show China's slowdown worsened again in October. I feel those are enough to think about for the week.

JUST A NOTE — My thanks for taking some time to read my comments and feel free to e-mail me at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org) or follow me on twitter at @Paulandrewsmass — Have a great week!

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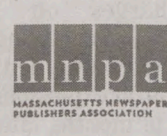
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## Concussion discussion

## Mighty Meredith Project to host Chris Nowinski

NORTH READING — The Mighty Meredith Project is excited to announce they have secured a global leader in concussion awareness, Chris Nowinski, Ph.D of the Concussion Legacy Foundation to bring his subject matter expertise to North Reading and the surrounding communities in a speaking engagement on Dec. 4, 2018.

The event will be held at the North Reading Performing Arts Center, 189 Park St., North Reading, beginning at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=d9g4jc6ab&oeidk=a07efq373g9f76b3d9>

Chris is the co-founder and CEO of the Concussion Legacy Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to solving the sports concussion crisis through advocacy, education, policy development, and medical research. The CLF is dedicated to advancing the study, treatment and prevention of the effects of brain trauma in athletes and other at-risk groups. Chris is also a co-founder of the Boston University Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) Center.

Chris's talk should be of particular interest to all student athletes and their families, athletic directors, youth and secondary school sports coaches, as well as the general public.

"Chris Nowinski has been an inspiration to me and to many others who have suffered concussions or other traumatic brain injuries," said Meredith Casey, founder of the Mighty Meredith Project. "After meeting Chris and his team earlier this year, we are very excited to have him speak to the local community about the impact of brain injuries."

## About Mighty Meredith Project Inc.

The Mighty Meredith Project (MMP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in North Reading. MMP was established by Meredith Casey and her family and is dedicated to educating and raising awareness of Traumatic Brain Injuries and their hidden impact, giving back to the medical community and promoting kindness, especially to those who suffer silently.

The mission of the Mighty Meredith Project is simple: They perform and encourage acts of kindness and giving to shine a bright light on the impact of having a hidden illness with the vision to make our communities a kinder place, one act at a time.

For more information, visit [www.mightymeredith.com](http://www.mightymeredith.com), follow them on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/Mighty\\_Meredith](https://twitter.com/Mighty_Meredith) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mightymeredith](https://www.facebook.com/mightymeredith)



(Courtesy photo)

## Tewksbury PD participate in No Shave November

TEWKSBURY — During November 2018, the Tewksbury Police Department will be participating in "No Shave November" to benefit Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program that helps veterans and their families heal from the invisible wounds of war, such as TBI, PTSD, and related conditions.

Each officer that pledges a

minimum donation of \$100 will be granted a month-long waiver from the department policy restricting facial hair growth. "No Shave" allows officers to show support for veterans and their families while fostering camaraderie.

In 2015, MBTA Transit Police started the "No Shave November" first responder initiative and raised \$15,000. In 2017, Tewksbury Police Department raised \$3,000 for

this great initiative and they are looking to improve on that number this year. They challenge other police departments to step up to the plate and support Home Base as well!

They also encourage family members, friends, and members of the Tewksbury community to join the Tewksbury Police Department in this initiative to help as many veterans and

their families as possible. They look forward to seeing lots of facial hair in Tewksbury and thank those willing to participate in advance.

Additional info and photos from last year can be found at: <https://because.massgeneral.org/fundraiser/1708132>

Tewksbury Police Department Donation Page: <https://because.massgeneral.org/TewksburyPD>

## Walsh participates in Lasell College trip to Tanzania

NEWTON — Hailee Walsh was one of 15 students selected to participate in a service-learning trip to Tanzania with Lasell College last summer.

Walsh, a Tewksbury local, worked with faculty and peers to teach reading, comprehension, and conversational English to Tanzanian students in grades 1 through 7. In turn, the group took

courses in Swahili and held several workshops for the local population.

In preparation for the two-week trip, Walsh and their classmates participated in a semester-long course this spring. Students refined their skills as teachers, mentors, and leaders, and prepared for the cultural aspects of the trip.

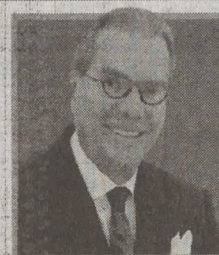
Walsh, a IDS Curriculum

and Instruction major at Lasell, joined the trip through the College's Shoulder to Shoulder program, an international service-learning initiative that educates students about various social justice issues within a global context.

The trip to Tanzania is one of several that take place each year. On Shoulder to Shoulder programs, students live with host communities

adjacent to their service work, with the goal of connecting their personal experiences with broader service initiatives.

Students such as Walsh contributed to a blog throughout the trip: <https://www.lasell.edu/academics/study-abroad/international/service-learning-programs/tanzania-blog-2018/nakupenda-tanzania.html>



## Herb Chambers



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2015 Kia Soul Base H922A, Auto., Gray, 54K miles	\$11,998
2012 Kia Optima EX J2025A, Auto., Black, 36K miles	\$12,998
2017 Toyota Corolla LE J11963A, Auto., Silver, 20K miles	\$14,998
2015 Kia Optima LX J11815B, Auto., White, 28K miles	\$14,998
2015 Kia Soul K2449, Auto., Base, White, 11K miles	\$14,998
2014 Kia Sedona EX Premium J2017A, Auto., Black, 66K miles	\$15,998
2018 Kia Forte LX K2445, Auto., White, 12K miles	\$15,998
2018 Kia Forte LX K2438, Auto., Silver, 12K miles	\$15,998
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2015 Kia Forte K2469, White, 18K miles	\$16,998
2018 Kia Forte LX K2445, Auto., White, 12K miles	\$16,998
2018 Kia Soul Plus K2444, Auto., Gray, 20K miles	\$17,998
2017 Kia Sportage LX AWD K2478, Auto., Blue, 25K miles	\$18,998
2018 Kia Soul Plus K2442, Auto., Gray, 10K miles	\$18,998
2017 Jeep Renegade Sport K2394A, Auto., Black, 22K miles	\$19,998
2016 Honda CR-V LX K2450, Auto., White, 38K miles	\$19,998
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2017 Kia Niro K2443, Black, 12K miles, FE FWD	\$20,998

## TOP \$\$ FOR TRADE-INS!!

## THIS WEEK'S

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## 2015 Jaguar XF Sedan AWD

Auto • Black • 34K miles



#K2381A  
\$26,998

## 2015 GMC Yukon SLE

w/DVD • White • Auto • 52K miles



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## 2016 Chevy Tahoe LT

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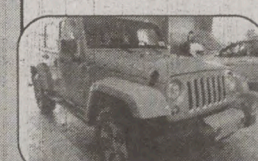
2.7L V6 • Auto • White • 16K miles



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\$39,998

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## 2015 Maserati Granturismo

Sport Coupe • Silver • 31K miles



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2016 Subaru Outback Premium K2487, Auto., Black, 46K miles	\$22,998
2016 Subaru WRX K2482, Premium/roof Manual, White, 59K miles	\$24,998
2016 Honda CRV EX-L J11856A, Auto., Green, 29K miles	\$25,998
2016 Honda Odyssey EX-L RES K2466A, Auto., Gray, 26K miles	\$28,998
2016 Kia Sorento SX AWD 3rd Row K2456, Auto., White, 24K miles	\$28,998
2016 Chevrolet Silverado LT Dbl. Cab K2479, Auto., Black, 25K miles	\$29,998
2015 Dodge Ram Bighorn 5.7L Hemi K2460, Crew Cab, Black, 34K miles	\$31,998
2015 GMC Sierra 1500 K2474, Auto., Maroon, 52K miles	\$31,998
2016 GMC Acadia SLT AWD K2475, Auto., Black, 51K miles	\$31,998
2016 Ford F-150 XLT Crewcab K2458, 2.7 V6, Auto., Blue, 54K miles	\$31,998
2016 Dodge Ram Bighorn 3.6L K2452, Crew Cab, Auto., Black, 20K miles	\$32,998
2016 Toyota Tacoma Limited Dbl. Cab K2483, Auto., Gray, 25K miles	\$33,998
2016 Ford F-150 XLT Crew Cab K2480, 5.0 V8, White, 30K miles	\$33,998
2015 Ford F-150 XLT Crew Cab K2455, Auto., Black, 32K miles	\$33,998
2016 Ford F-150 XLT Crew Cab K2457, Auto., Gray, 37K miles	\$35,998
2016 Ford F-150 Lariat Crew Cab K2481, 3.5 V6, Auto., Black, 42K miles	\$37,998
2017 Infiniti QX80 AWD K2454, Blue, Loaded, 44K miles	\$42,998
2015 Chevrolet Malibu 2LT K2428A, Auto., Red, 67K miles	\$44,998
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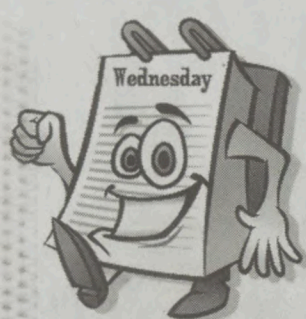
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# Community Calendar

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## Wilmington Calendar:

### St. Thomas of Villanova annual Craft Fair

**St. Thomas of Villanova Annual Craft Fair**  
Saturday November 17 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
216 Middlesex Avenue  
Come join other churchgoers for a variety of crafters, a baked table, white elephant table, lots of raffles, coffee, donuts and lunch.

**Wilmington Sons of Italy Breakfast with Santa**  
Sunday, December 2  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
There will be two seatings: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausages, waffles, cereal, coffee, juice, and milk. The donation is \$8 and children 3 and under eat free. Tickets may be reserved by calling Michele at 978-658-8284 no later than November 24. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Cribbage**  
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus  
If you will be looking for something to do on Monday nights during the fall and winter, then how about playing some cribbage? The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will host cribbage matches beginning on Monday, September 10 and continuing through the winter into early spring. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about two hours. The competition is head to head for five games against five different opponents. There is a small entry fee and at the end of the night the two top scorers will receive cash prizes. If you are interested, the club is located on Middlesex Ave behind St. Thomas church, and the matches are held in the members lounge which is accessed at the rear of the building. The lounge has a cash bar and we have two large screen TVs so

that you can keep an eye on your favorite teams. This is an adult activity and they are looking for players male and female at all skill levels. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

**Alateen**  
The first and third Thursday of each month  
St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury  
When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties;

learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit [al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen](http://al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen).

**Safety seat installation**  
Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street  
The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

## Tewksbury Calendar:

### Tewksbury Garden Club Gala Event Wednesday

**Tewksbury Garden Club Gala Event**  
Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tewksbury Country Club  
The Tewksbury Garden Club is preparing to celebrate its 49th year by hosting its signature Gala Event on November 14. Get inspired to decorate your home for the holidays with award-winning Floral Designer and Master Judge for the Garden Club of America, Mary Huntoon. Door prizes, exquisite raffle baskets and a complimentary dessert bar will be offered. One hundred percent of the proceeds go towards scholarships, the Festival of Trees, Garden Therapy for seniors, beautification landscaping at the war memorials, gazebo, library, Town Hall, Muster Park, Water statue, and more. Admission is \$20, advanced ticket sales only. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Email [tewksburygardencub@gmail.com](mailto:tewksburygardencub@gmail.com) for your tickets today!

**SilverTones Fall Harvest Dance**  
Friday, November 16 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Tewksbury Senior Center  
The SilverTones will present its 198th performance, a Fall Harvest Dance, on the third Friday of November for listening and dancing. This is the Town's own 20-piece Big Band of profes-

sional musicians, featuring vocalist BB Braxten, drummer/singer Jim Sutton, and tenor sax/vocalist Mike Petrishen. The music includes Latin numbers, jitterbugs, line dances, polkas, and waltzes. Admission is \$10 per person and attendees are encouraged to bring along their favorite beverages and snacks. Free ice is available, as well as coffee, tea, and cake at the second break. There is a 50/50 raffle and door prize of two admissions to any of their future dances. The beautiful Senior Center has a large dance floor, is fully handicapped accessible, and has a well-lighted parking lot. Come join the fun and meet new people. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Senior Center.

**WHS Class of 1988 30th High School Reunion**  
Friday, November 23 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Luna Rosa, 1699 Shaw-sheen Street  
Come join fellow former classmates of 1988 for fun, food and drinks, a DJ, and dancing. The cost is \$55 per ticket. For tickets, please mail checks to Anne Murray, 1 Pineridge Rd., Wilmington MA 01887. Please make checks out to Friends of WHSC. You can also buy tickets through Event Brite. For details, call 978-697-3636.

**Tewksbury Elementary Schools Community Workshop**  
Join the school committee at the upcoming community meeting to share your thoughts on the school project.  
Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

**SilverTones 3rd Friday Dance**  
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. beginning September 21  
Tewksbury Senior Center at 275 Chandler Street  
The Tewksbury SilverTones have returned from summer hiatus and will be performing for the remainder of the year on its "3rd Friday Dance" schedule. This is the start of its 18th year of entertaining. The 20-piece professional orchestra now led by Mary Beth Foley-Cummings will perform for listening and dancing in all genres of familiar music with the vocals of Barbara Braxten, for singles and couples. The \$10 admission per person will include cake, coffee/tea and free ice. Attendees are encouraged to bring along their favorite beverages and snacks, though there is a \$1 soda machine on site. The door prize will be for 2 free admissions to any future dance. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Open rehearsals are always free admission, but the

SilverTones ask that there be no snacks or beverages. Families are welcome. For more information, contact the manager through the Senior Center at 978-640-4480.

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## Cemetery cleanup rescheduled

**TEWKSBURY** — The Tewksbury Pines Cemetery Clean Up is rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 10 due to the rain. Stop by any time from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All volunteers welcomed! Bring gloves, rakes and

other tools for clearing. Meet at Livingston Street entry. Contact Tom Marshall for any questions at [tom.marshall1974@gmail.com](mailto:tom.marshall1974@gmail.com).

Thank you!

## Whinery inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

**SPRINGFIELD, MA** — Brian Whinery of Tewksbury was welcomed into Western New England University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society on Oct. 19 in Rivers Memorial Hall. Founded in 1924, Alpha

Lambda Delta is a national honor society for first year students that encourages and recognizes superior academic achievement. Alpha Lambda Delta seeks to promote intelligent living, a continued high standard of learning, and encour-

ages students to recognize and develop meaningful goals for their roles in society. Members pledge to use their education to benefit the community, the college, the nation, and the world. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade

point average of 3.50 in their first semester of study or a 3.50 cumulative average at the end of the first year.

Whinery is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering/Mechatronics Concentration.

Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1919. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,808 students,

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## Girl Scouts win Silver Award for dog waste disposal project

Melanie Kaplan (left) and Kendra Patel (absent from the photo as she was out of the country visiting her grandfather who is ill) created this Girl Scout Silver award project for dog waste.

They are Cadet Girl Scouts. They worked closely with Jay Kelly from the Tewksbury Board of Selectman (right), but the entire board was instrumental in the project's success. With his help the girls were able to have installed a dog waste station at Livingston Park in Tewksbury — near the football/lacrosse practice fields — just in time for football season!

Some of the girls' goals for this award was to educate the public as to the dangers of not picking up after your dog. It is an individual health problem as the dog waste contains viruses and bacteria that are easily transmitted among the human population. It can also have a detrimental affect on water supplies in some communities. By installing the waste station it was hoped to draw attention to this issue and make it most convenient for individuals to act as responsible dog owners by disposing of their dog's waste properly.

More importantly, Tewksbury is a family-ori-

ented town and dogs are a part of many families. Through the use of this waste station, it is the hope dogs will become welcomed members at local sporting events and town recreational activities in-

stead of being unwanted and banned. Who knows — maybe later on another one or two can be installed on the other side of the road at the ball fields — for those dogs that are baseball and softball fans.



▲ Melanie Kaplan and Jay Kelly (Courtesy photo)



McCauley sings National Anthem for Lions Club

▲ Brian McCauley, who last August received a Braille Computer courtesy of the Tewksbury Lions Club, sang the National Anthem for the club at a recent gathering. (Courtesy photo)

## Mass. Good Neighbor Energy Fund now open to all eligible households

CANTON — Energy companies from across Massachusetts are coming together to support neighbors in need with the announcement that the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund (GNEF) is open to all eligible candidates for 2018-2019. The Fund helps households in temporary crisis who do not qualify for federal or state assistance with the payment of their energy expenses. The Good Neighbor Energy Fund's 34th annual "Give The Gift of Warmth" campaign's goal is to raise \$500,000 and assist more than 1,650 households.

"We have all felt those colder temperatures the last week or two so on behalf of all the sponsoring energy companies in the state, I'm pleased to announce that the Fund is now open to all eligible households," said Mary Ellen Molloy, Chairperson of the 2018-2019 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Regulatory Relations Specialist for Eversource Energy. "Now is the time for all Massachusetts households in temporary crisis, whether it is due to a loss of a job, unexpected medical expense or some other circumstance, to visit the Fund's website at [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org) to see if they qualify for assistance." Molloy added that the Fund has raised more than \$21.5 million and assisted over 88,750 households in need with the payment of monthly energy expenses since its inception in 1985. "Let's all help our neighbors who are currently having trouble making ends meet by giving the gift of warmth through a donation to the Fund."

The Fund is often the last resort for families who do not qualify for federal and state assistance programs. The Salvation Army of Massachusetts, which administers the Fund for the sponsoring energy companies,

provides a disbursement for households whose gross income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. For example, a household size of 4 would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$68,289 and \$91,052 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is \$300 per eligible household per heating season. To apply to the Fund for assistance, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413.

Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs. Massachusetts residents who wish to support the Fund can "Give the Gift of Warmth" by using the green-colored Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills or through the "add a dollar" program some energy companies offer which allows customers to increase their monthly utility bill payment by one dollar or more. Customers can also donate online by visiting [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org) or simply mail a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund" and send it to the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408.

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## Tewksbury Police Log

### Woman charged with second offense OUI liquor

Monday, October 29

1:17 a.m. - Police out to serve a warrant at Amos Street. Lauren Miele, 35, of 1 Amos St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for probation violation.

10:23 a.m. - Police received a 911 open line call at Ipswich Street. They were sent. Donna Hawkes, 61, of 153 Ipswich St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery with dangerous weapon.

12:07 p.m. - A shoplifter was at Home Depot. Vehicle took off and drove up 495 North, but then was pulled over by police. Logan Tillson, 23, of 79 Beach Road in Salisbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

10:42 p.m. - At least two people picked the lock on the dumpster at Bank of America. Police sent and it was the cleaners.

Tuesday, October 30

5:13 a.m. - Commercial burglar alarm went off at Tewksbury Service Center Police sent. Ronald Mack, 52, of 359 Beacon St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with two warrants for violations.

6:50 a.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Whipple Road and Chapman Road for a motor vehicle violation. Robert Belanger, 67, of Grafton New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with negligent operation of motor vehicle, operation motor vehicle with license suspended and number plate violation.

9:21 a.m. - Caller reported that she got a donut at Dunkin Donuts and it said "help me." Police sent. They reported it was a Halloween decoration. All check out.

6:56 p.m. - Multiple calls for a disturbance at Chandler Street. There were at least seven or eight males and females fighting in the driveway. Police sent. The parties fled the scene towards Whipple and Chandler,

but the police stopped their motor vehicle. After the ambulance arrived, the patient refused help. Police filed a report.

Wednesday, October 31

5:17 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver passed vehicles at Whipple Road and Marston Street. The vehicle got on 495 North and Andover Police Department notified.

7:52 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle was at the St. Mary's cemetery. Police sent and there were no vehicles in the cemetery at this time.

11:42 p.m. - A barking dog had been barking for over two hours at Whipple Road. Police sent and they reported they would be bringing the dog inside.

Thursday, November 1

2:54 a.m. - Police out at Kyoto Steak House with a male party on his bicycle. Party checked out OK.

11:03 a.m. - Call for speed-

ing yellow dump truck in the area of Bridge Street and South Street. Police sent. The vehicle was located and a citation issued.

Friday, November 2

12:08 a.m. - Caller at Motel 6 reported a group of suspicious males in the parking lot. The caller wished to remain anonymous. Police sent but gone on arrival.

1:02 p.m. - The party received a suspicious letter at Main Street. Police sent and filed a report.

5 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious party at Brentwood Road. Police sent. Ian Bernard, 21, of 71 Rock Road in North Andover, was arrested and charged with a warrant for suspended license.

5:19 p.m. - Police out at North Street and International Place with a motor vehicle. Andrew Hollinger, 39, of 71 Eudora St. in Haverhill, was arrested and charged with three warrants for suspended license, a war-

rant for uninsured license, operation of motor vehicle with license suspended, uninsured motor vehicle, and possession class B (suboxone) drugs.

6:54 p.m. - Police out at Marriot Towne Place. Stuard Hernandez, 21, of 624 Howard St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with trafficking in 18 grams or more less than 36 grams of heroin/morphine/opium, and vandalize property.

9:38 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic operator at Whipple Road and Wells Drive. Police sent. Michael, 40, of 36 Mont Batten Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended.

Saturday, November 3

4:32 a.m. - Caller at Home Depot reported a suspicious vehicle parked in the lot. Police sent. The party stopped there to rest.

6:40 a.m. - Caller reported that her neighbor at New Jersey Road was using power tools on his side porch. The noise was keeping her awake. Police spoke with the neighbor who agreed to stop the noise.

1:29 p.m. - A suspicious sil-

ver vehicle occupied by two woman had been sitting outside at William G Drive and Bonnie Lane for approximately 40 minutes. Police sent; the parties were leaving political flyers at residences.

1:34 p.m. - Jason Stotik, 36, of 491 Dutton St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with attempt to commit crime (breaking and entering daytime for felony), and three counts of vandalism.

5:08 p.m. - Melanie Maxham, 42, of 39 Plymouth St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor, and possession open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

Sunday, November 4

12:14 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a white truck doing donuts in the road and on the grass at Heathbrook School. Police sent. Matthew Merrick, 19, of 242 Foster Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with two counts vandalize property, and person under 21 possess liquor.

6:02 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 to serve a warrant. Scott Daly, 48, of 193 Middlesex St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for OUI liquor.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Deer struck, blocking high speed lane on I-93

Monday, October 29:

6:44 p.m.: A deer was hit in a collision involving a Honda Civic, a Volkswagen Beetle, a Toyota Prius, and a Ford F-150. The incident blocked the high speed lane and the third lane on I93.

Tuesday, October 30:

8:29 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Speedway on Main Street involving an Acura TLX and a Toyota Venza.

Wednesday, October 31:

10:30 a.m.: Police notified Verizon of a wire on Lowell Street that was pulled from its pole and pulled partly off of the house it led to.

10:55 a.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a Nissan Altima and a Ford F-350 occurred at the Public Safety Building on Adelaide Street.

11:19 a.m.: Animal Control monitored a dazed and injured bird after it flew into the slider of a home on Everett Avenue.

1:30 p.m.: A motor vehicle

collision occurred on Main Street involving a Honda Crosstrek and a Toyota Camry.

9:53 p.m.: Mailboxes on River Street, Mass Avenue, and Brattle Road were found to have been damaged. The mailbox on River Street showed the most recent and malicious damage.

Thursday, November 1:

8:42 a.m.: A Nissan Frontier and a Nissan Rogue had a minor collision as one attempted to merge into the other's lane on Main Street.

The vehicles pulled into Dunkin Donuts, at which time the male driver of one of the vehicles exited his car and punched the window of the other driver. Police advised the latter driver to stay in her car until they arrived.

9:06 a.m.: A Ford Escape and a Toyota RAV4 were towed after a collision at the intersection of Lowell Street and Ramp 38. No one was injured in the collision. Police issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way.

12:09 p.m.: Animal Control

helped get a bird out of the foyer of Champion's Choice on Main Street by keeping the doors open.

4:46 p.m.: A Honda Ridgeline struck a tree on Lawrence St; Police found minor injuries as a result of the crash.

7:49 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred in the High School parking lot involving a Lexus GX 470 and a Kia Optima.

Friday, November 2:

6:04 a.m.: Burlington Avenue was blocked at Chestnut Street and Boutwell Street after a pole was snapped by a car and fell on a wire where it remained leaning.

10:55 a.m.: A Honda Civic and a Chevrolet Trailblazer were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Main Street and Mass Avenue. No one was injured.

5:08 p.m.: Police euthanized a woodchuck on Columbia Street that had been hit by a car. The carcass was left under a barrel for Animal

Control to dispose of it.

Saturday, November 3:

2:29 p.m.: A tree took out a pole and wires before landing on a Nissan Rogue on West Street. The street was temporarily closed.

5:22 p.m.: A man reported that the window of his Toyota Camry was damaged sometime within the previous two hours while he was parked at St. Thomas Church.

Sunday, November 4:

7:09 a.m.: The driver of a Toyota Highlander was cited for speeding and a red light violation after a collision with a Toyota RAV4 at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street. No injuries were reported, but the vehicles' airbags were deployed.

12:46 p.m.: A citation for failure to yield to oncoming traffic and driving without a license was issued after motor vehicle collision on I93 involving a Honda Pilot, a Jeep Wrangler, and a Volkswagen. Police identified an injury after the incident.

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### Bischoff inducted into Colby-Sawyer College Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society

NEW LONDON, NH — Kathryn Bischoff of Wilmington was inducted into the Colby-Sawyer chapter of Alpha Chi on Sunday, Oct. 21. Bischoff majors in biology.

Alpha Chi National Honor Society promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students. The

New Hampshire Alpha Chapter was established on the Colby-Sawyer College campus in the spring of 1980.

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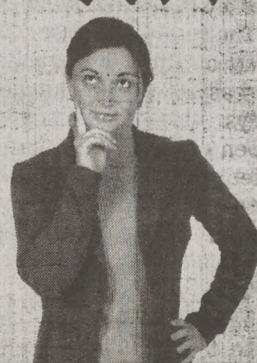
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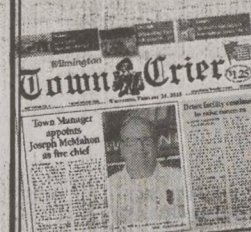
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# Lifestyle

## BOSTON'S ICA MODERN INTERPRETATION

By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
News Correspondent  
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**B**oston's Institute of Contemporary Art has been a fixture on the Boston waterfront since 2006. The striking and imposing architecture of the cantilevered building has provided a permanent home for modern art and artists and is a sister institution to the MoMA in New York City. The museum was actually founded in 1936 in Cambridge and has had several locations through the years, fulfilling its mission to showcase contemporary artists and foster programs to educate the public about artwork and artists of the present day.

Interactive exhibits are intertwined with fairly traditional gallery installations at the museum. Contemporary art is often crafted in mediums different from classical artwork and utilizes common objects or sometimes shocking or even offensive themes. As such, some galleries do have signs informing visitors if an exhibit might be disturbing for some audiences.

The current choreographic installation is kid-friendly and is a series of rings hanging from the ceiling and plumb lines around which to navigate. Visitors are welcomed to climb through and experience the sculptures in any way they deem safe. The William Forsythe exhibit is designed to show movement

as art and is quite engaging.

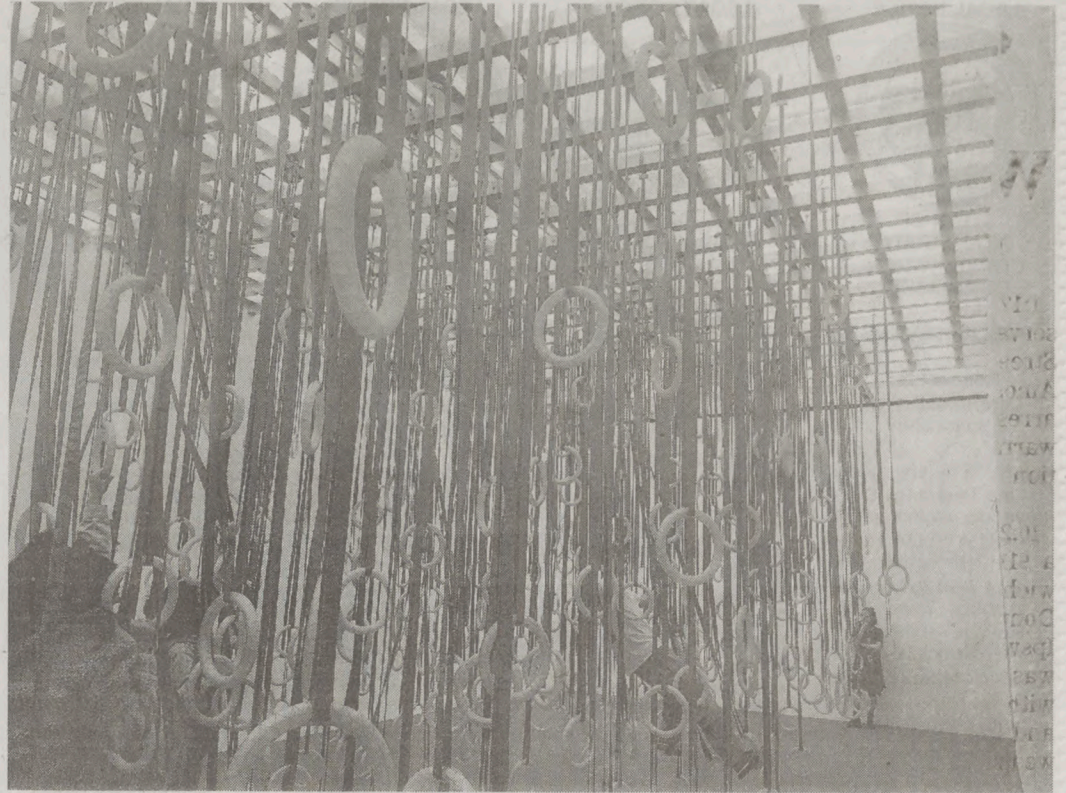
A jazz exhibit focusing on the performing arts by Jason Moran has musical instruments arranged around spaces inspired by jazz venues. Visitors will find audio and visual experiences throughout the museum, something that contemporary art is known for.

The ICA offers sketching supplies for children as a way for them to enjoy the museum, along with audio guides which share information about artists and more. The museum also has play dates for families which are free art making opportunities.

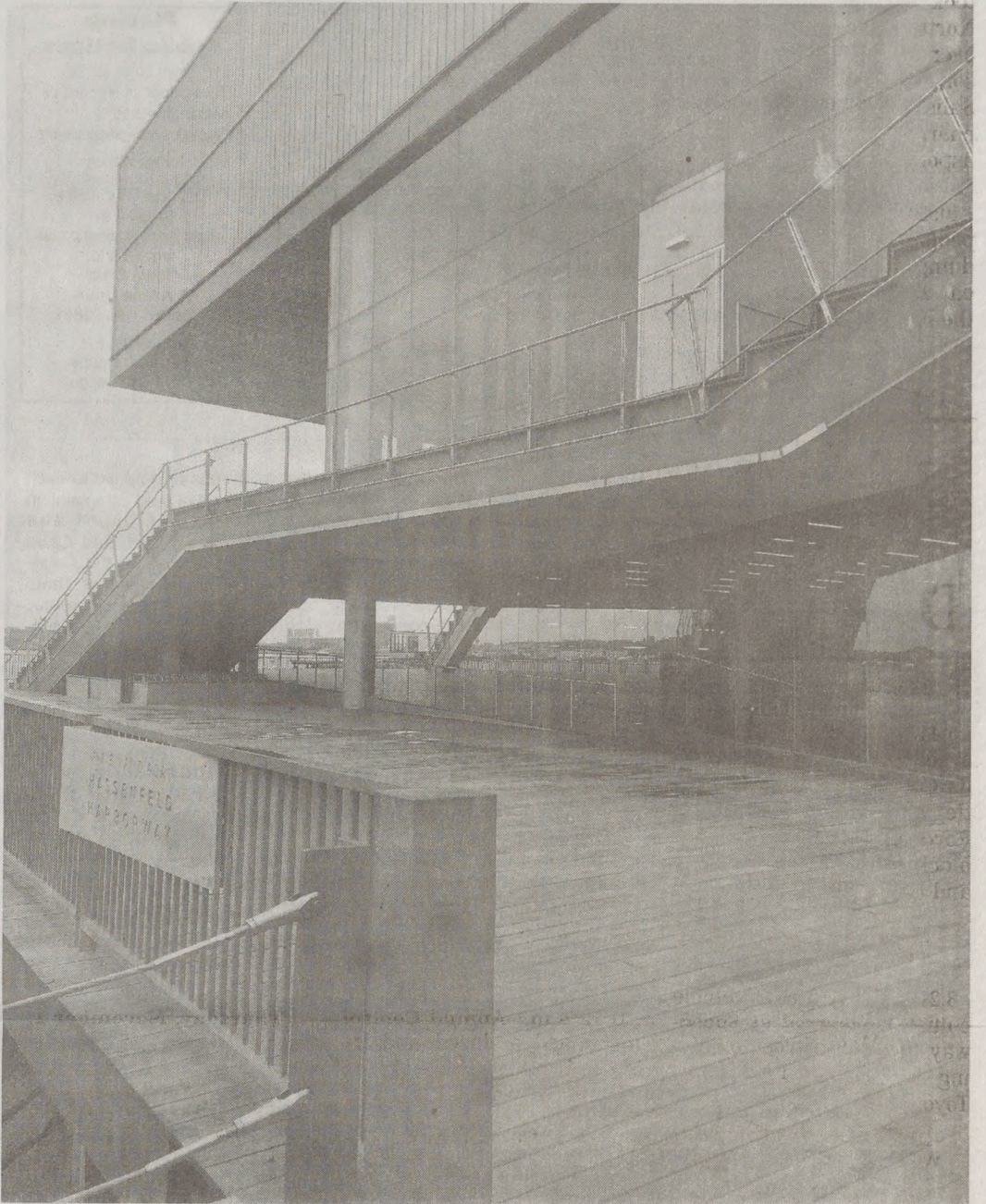
Food from home is allowed on the first floor of the museum, but there are also coffee and snacks available at a small café. The ICA boasts an active performance space and hosts concerts, dance performances and theater productions. Film festivals are an additional outreach the museum offers, along with special free admission days.

New this year, the ICA has created a space across the harbor in East Boston in an old copper pipe warehouse which it will use each summer to house an art "experience" by a specific artist. A free "cultural connector" harbor shuttle between the two buildings and other stops such as Fort Point Channel, Fan Pier and Central Wharf ran during June and July, and visitors can look for that again next summer.

Give the ICA a look and check out their calendar of events. Set aside some time to absorb some unconventional but equally worthy art while enjoying the bustling activity of Boston Harbor. [www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org).



▲ Visitors to the ICA can work their way through the "Choreographic Objects" by William Forsythe at the ICA. (Paige Impink photos)



▲ The cantilevered structure features glass walls and a wooden deck which is also part of the Boston Harborwalk.

▲ Wangechi Mutu's A Promise to Communicate which uses rescued blankets to create an abstract world map.

## Raymond's Turkey Farm has your Thanksgiving needs

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

Norman Rockwell depicts the perfected holiday celebration. Friends and family gathered around a table that is boasting with classic holiday dishes, and of course the centerpiece of the scene, the holiday turkey. Raymond's Turkey Farm has been supplying area families with their version of the holiday "bird" for generations.

Started in 1950 by Claire and Raymond Rischer, the farm's first season had a supply of only 24 turkeys. Since 1990, son Raymond "Jim" Rischer and his family have been running the family business, and has grown it from the original 24 turkeys to almost 20,000 turkeys each year.

The type of turkeys you can find on the farm are Broad Breasted White Holland Turkeys. They are raised in an open environment and fed a diet of high quality grain.

Of course, Raymond's Farm is known for their fresh turkey for your holiday feast, but it is not just a Thanksgiving destination. The farm also has been offering freshly made products year round for over 60 years.

Using only fresh ingredients and no preservatives, they have a large selection of turkey and chicken pies that come in a variety of sizes and combinations of all meat or vegetable mixed pies. They are also happy to accommodate special requests to personalize your pie.

Besides turkey pies, they offer many other frozen turkey meals such as chili, shepherds pie, lasagna, meatloaf and chop suey. These

inventive turkey meals go from freezer to oven, making them a perfect choice for your busy weeknight dinners.

If you prefer bar-b-que to the traditional turkey dinner, Raymond's offers turkey burgers, sausages, kebabs, and cutlets that are ready for the grill.

For more informal meals, choose from the deli selection, including fresh sliced turkey, turkey salad, ham salad, and a selection of Boar's Head brand deli favorites.

To go with your prepared meal, or to save time while cooking your fresh holiday turkey, you can pick up all the traditional sides for your meal.

According to owner Jim Rischer, gravy is the most popular side dish they sell. Other sides include stuffing, mashed potato, and a selection of seasonal vegetables.

Raymond's freshly made baked goods can take you from morning to evening meals. They offer a large selection of coffee cakes, breads, rolls, and whoopie pies. The peach and raspberry coffee cake is a must try, and the flavor palets of the coffee cakes and whoopie pies change with the seasons throughout the year.

Raymond's Turkey Farm takes orders for fresh or frozen turkeys ranging in size from 12 to 30 pounds. To place a holiday turkey order, Rischer recommends you order as far in advance as possible.

"You can order up until the day of the holiday," Rischer said, "but certain sizes may not be available five or six days before Thanksgiving or

Christmas."

To estimate what size turkey you would need, the recommended serving size is approximately one pound per dinner guest, but if you like lots of leftovers, and let's face it, the leftovers are the best part of the holiday meal, then consider raising the calculated dinner guest amount.

"This year, as always, we expect to have a good season," said Rischer, "but we are open every day, year round, except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter."

Raymond's Turkey Farm has successfully supplied

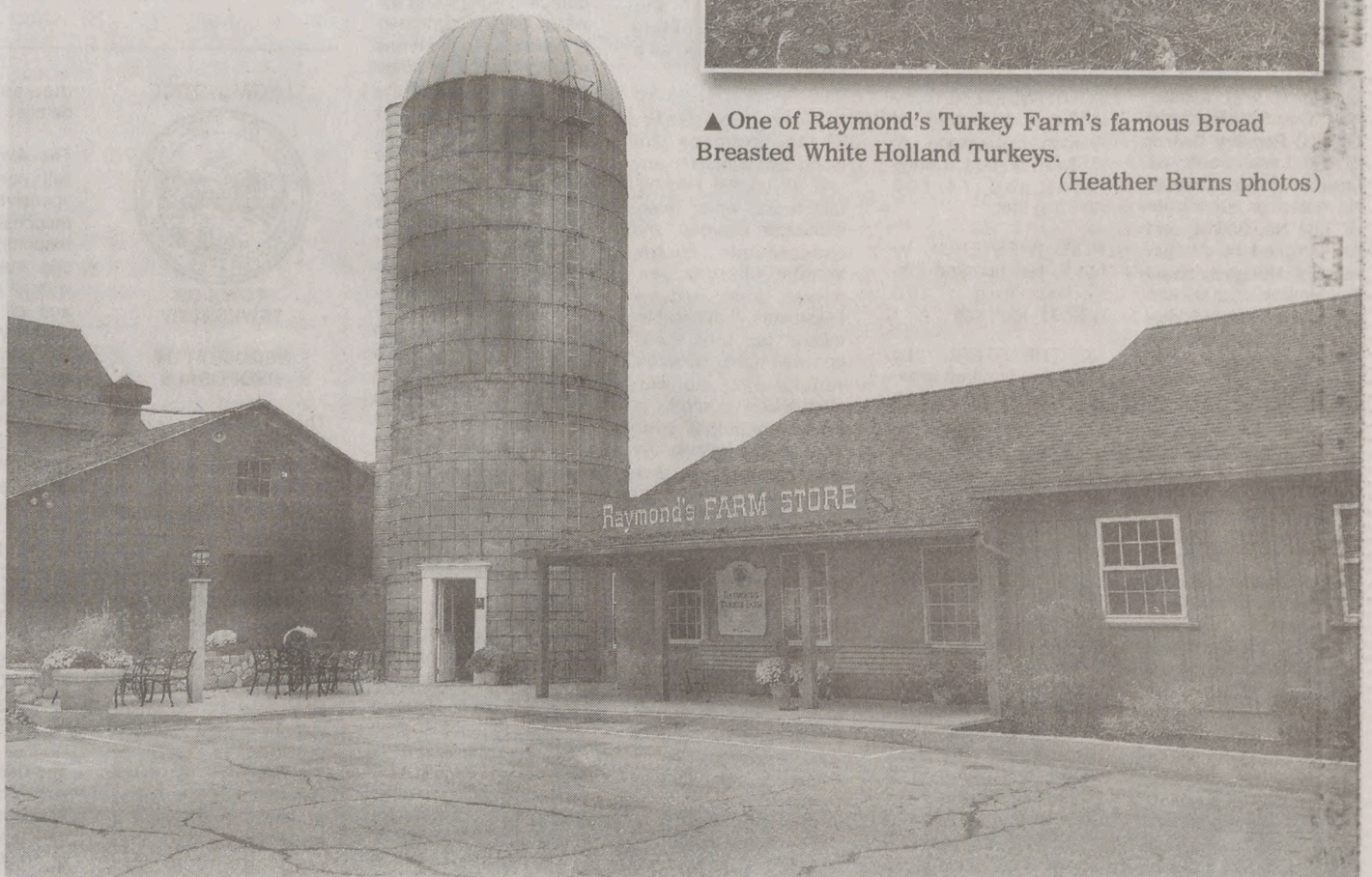
the turkey to the Thanksgiving table for generations, and has also transformed the traditional turkey dinner to bring it to your everyday dinner table.

When asked if everyone that works at Raymond's has turkey for their own Thanksgiving, or have they had enough turkey by the time Thanksgiving rolls around, Rischer exclaimed, "Everyone here eats turkey!"

For more information, or to place a holiday order, call Raymond's Turkey Farm at 978-686-4075 or visit them at <https://raymondsturkeyfarm.com>.



▲ One of Raymond's Turkey Farm's famous Broad Breasted White Holland Turkeys. (Heather Burns photos)





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TOWN OF  
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PUBLIC HEARING

Request for  
Determination of  
Applicability

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **November 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Laura Lamontagne & Kevin O'Connor for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the removal of eight hazardous trees on their property. Proposed work is within 100 feet of Ames Pond. Said property is located at **70 Cardigan Road**, Assessor's Map 79 Lot 81.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x255), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stefania Gallo  
Conservation Agent/  
Planner  
181426 11/7/18

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PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Batten Bros. Signs Inc.** for a Sign Special Permit to construct a free standing electronic message board sign as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **2550 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 67, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson,  
Chairman  
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TOWN OF  
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BOARD OF HEALTH

On October 18, 2018, the Tewksbury Board of Health amended and implemented existing regulations: "Chapter 9: Grease Tank and Grease Trap Requirements for Food Establishments. The provisions in the amendments of the existing regulations include the following: 1) ADD language to Section 9.5.2.1., commencing after: "adoption of these regulations." 2) AMEND language in Section 9.3, "Food Establishment" definition. The changes will assist in meeting the intent of the regulation to remove fats, oils and grease before entering the town's sewer system from permitted food establishments.

Copies of the regulations can be obtained at the Tewksbury Board of Health Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA or by calling the department at (978) 640-4470. The new regulations will go into effect on the date of adoption.

Raymond Barry,  
Chairman  
181427 11/7/18

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TOWN OF  
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SELECTMEN

A Public Hearing to provide an open forum for the discussion of local property tax policy with reference to classification for FY 2019 taxation purposes will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, November 26, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Interested taxpayers may present their views on classification policy at the hearing or in writing to the Town Manager's Office until 4:30 p.m. on that date.

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## Male arrested for trafficking heroin, more than 18 grams

TEWKSBURY — On Nov. 2, 2018 the Tewksbury Police Department arrested Stuard Hernandez, 21, of 624 Howard St. Apt. #1, Lawrence for trafficking heroin, over 18 grams and vandalizing property.

Detectives conducted an investigation into a drug trafficker after responding to a non-fatal overdose. They were able to locate and identify Hernandez at the Town Place Suites while he was there attempting to deliver heroin. Detectives encountered Hernandez and were able to locate 23 grams of heroin. He was arrested without incident.

While at the police station, Hernandez intentionally broke a sprinkler head inside the cell and caused water damage. He was charged accordingly.

Hernandez was due to be arraigned at Lowell District Court on Nov 5, 2018

The Tewksbury Police Department urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-



▲ STUARD HERNANDEZ

0175 or send an email to [tewks\\_detec-tives@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:tewks_detec-tives@tewksbury-ma.gov).

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CITATION ON  
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FOR ORDER OF  
COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT

Docket No.  
MI16P5625EA

Estate of:  
Donna M. Guarino  
Also known as:  
Donna Guarino  
Date of Death:  
09/21/2016

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Christine E. Guarino of Wilmington MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance

of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, a termination of heirs at law, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/19/2018.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 12, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
181404 11/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Nissan Infinity LT of BX 254648 in Sacramento, CA who is the last registered owner of a 2014 Nissan Maxima Vin# **IN4AA5AP9EC477807** that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about November 23, 2018 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

183046 10/24, 31, 11/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE



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PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT  
FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 19, 2018 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Silver Phoenix Construction** for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **43 Fiske Street**, Assessor's Map 39, Lot 35, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson,  
Chair  
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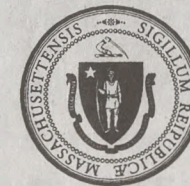
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LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX PROBATE  
AND FAMILY COURT  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT  
TO G.L.C. 190B, §5-304

Docket No.  
MI18P5381GD

In the matter of:  
**Christopher Canty**  
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Kim-

berly Gee of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Christopher Canty** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Kimberly Gee of Tewksbury, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **11/29/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the

written appearance by the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 01, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
181415 11/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF  
TEWKSBURY  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing **November 14, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Syncarpha Tewksbury, LLC** for a Notice of Intent for the construction of a 3.0 megawatt (MW) alternating-current (AC) ground-mount solar photovoltaic (PV) and 2.0 MW AC battery system for a combined 5.0 MW AC Solar-Storage development and associated structures. Proposed work is located within bordering land subject to flooding, and within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands. Said Property is located at **South Street, Map 109-70, 1057 South Street/Behind Map 108 Lot 35, and 71 Serenity Road/Behind Map 108 Lot 34.**

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x255), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stefania Gallo  
Conservation Agent/  
Planner  
181416 11/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TRIAL COURT

COMPLAINT TO  
FORECLOSE  
TAX LIEN

No. 18TL000039

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to Daniel J. Driscoll, Mary P. Sheehan, Daniel J. Driscoll, Catherine Driscoll, Margaret V. Hardy, John J. Hardy, Cornelius W. Driscoll, all deceased, all formerly of Medford, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Elaine Lacarubba, also known as Elaine LaCarubba, deceased, formerly of Pigeon Beach, in the State of Florida; John M. Driscoll and Helen J. Driscoll, both deceased, both formerly of Quincy, Norfolk County, said Commonwealth; John M. Driscoll, Jr., deceased, formerly of Wrentham, Norfolk County, said Commonwealth; Patricia Scerpella, deceased, formerly of Oak Creek, in the State of Wisconsin; Rita Joan Driscoll, also known as

Sister Stephen Marie Driscoll, deceased, formerly of Framingham, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Kathleen Fabiano, now or formerly of Medford, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Patricia Eutsler, now or formerly of Lawton, in the State of Ohio; Philip Sheehan, now or formerly of Arlington, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Paul Lacarubba, now or formerly of Lighthouse Point, in the State of Florida; Denise Lacarubba, now or formerly of Belmont, Middlesex County, said Commonwealth; Bethany Anderson, now or formerly of Nashua, in the State of New Hampshire; Kathleen DerGarabedian, now or formerly of Leominster, Worcester County, said Commonwealth; John S. Hardy, now or formerly of Yarmouth, Barnstable County, said Commonwealth; Michael D. Hardy, now or formerly of Hampton, in the State of New Hampshire; Joanne M. Driscoll, now or formerly of Wrentham, Norfolk County, said Commonwealth; James J. Scerpella, now or formerly of South Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin; Daniel F. Scerpella and Mark Scerpella, both now or formerly of Oak Creek, in the State of Wisconsin; Patrick Scerpella, now or formerly of Madison, in the State of

Wisconsin; Matthew Scerpella, now or formerly of Mequon, in the State of Wisconsin; Barbara Levasseur, now or formerly of Quincy, Norfolk County, said Commonwealth; Joan M. Driscoll, now or formerly of Peabody, Essex County, said Commonwealth; Maureen F. York, now or formerly of Lynn, Essex County, said Commonwealth; or their heirs, devisees or legal representatives:

Whereas, a certain complaint has been presented to said Court by the Town of Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceeding described in said complaint in and concerning a certain parcel of land situated in said Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex, and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said complaint as follows:

Land in said Wilmington at 7 Crescent Street, shown as Parcel 64 on Assessors' Map 54, described in Mx. Prob. 341899.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said complaint you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objec-

tions or defense to each part of said complaint, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court-house located at Three Pemberton Square, Room 507 in Boston, MA 02108), on or before the **twenty-fourth day of December** in the year two thousand and eight-

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said complaint will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said complaint or any judgment entered thereon.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published in the **Town Crier** a newspaper published in said Wilmington.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this first day of November in the year two thousand and eight-

Attest with Seal of said Court.  
Deborah J. Patterson  
Recorder

Plaintiff's Attorney:  
James E. Coppola, Esq.,  
Coppola & Coppola,  
40 South Street,  
Marblehead, MA 01945  
Tel: (781) 639-0140  
181418 11/7/18

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Brendan D. O'Donohue to Central Cooperative Bank dated September 1, 2006 and registered with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court, as Document No. 239904, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 38614, as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated September 1, 2006 and registered with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court, as Document No. 239905, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 38614, and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated September 5, 2014 and registered with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court, as Document No. 244751, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 38614, and as assigned by Assignment of Mortgage dated September 5, 2014 and registered with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court, as Document No. 279558, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 38614, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM, on November 28, 2018**, on the

premises known as **1136 Shawshen Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

That certain parcel of land situate in Tewksbury, in the County of Middlesex and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY: by Shawshen Street, one hundred seventy five (175) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY: by land now or formerly of Gordon L. Jackson, et al, two hundred twenty-eight and 74/100 (228.74) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY: by Lot 2, two hundred thirty-two and 1/100 (232.01) feet; and

NORTHEASTERLY: by Lot 4, two hundred twenty-one and 50/100 (221.50) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on Plan 32233-A, drawn by Dana F. Perkins & Sons Inc., Surveyors, dated December 11, 1962, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title No. 13753, and said land is shown as Lot three (3) on said plan.

So much of said land as is included within the

limits of the drain easement approximately shown on said plan, is subject to rights of drain in favor of all person lawfully entitled thereto.

The land hereby registered is subject to an easement set forth in a grant from A.J. Tambone, Inc. to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, dated March 21, 1956, duly recorded in Book 1330, Page 505.

Subject to the flow of a natural water course running through the same, approximately shown on said plan as a brook.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The

deposit of \$10,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guetta and Benson, LLC, at 73 Princeton Street, Suite 208, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

Dated: October 30, 2018  
Present holder of said mortgage  
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency  
by its Attorneys  
Guaetta and Benson, LLC  
Peter V. Guaetta,  
Esquire  
P.O. Box 519  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
181399 11/7,14,21/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF  
TEWKSBURY  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS

The Tewksbury School Superintendent & the Town of Tewksbury is seeking proposals for Extended Day School and Summer Programs. The selected firm shall have demonstrated previous experience in providing specified services to similar projects, preferably in Massachusetts. A complete RFP may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Town of Tewksbury School Superintendent's Office at (978) 640-7800. It is recommended that respondents to this request familiarize

themselves with the detailed RFP.

The Awarding Authority will consider only responsive proposals from responsible vendors. A responsive proposal is one that complies fully with all minimum criteria and all submission requirements as stated in the Request for Proposals (RFP). It is the intent of the Awarding Authority to award a contract within sixty (60) business days after receiving the proposals.

THERE MUST BE NO MENTION OF THE APPLICANT'S FEE IN THE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION. ANY MENTION OF THE FEE WILL SUBJECT THE PROPOSAL TO REJECTION/ DISQUALIFICATION.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the Tewksbury School Superintendent's Office is at 10:00AM on December 7, 2018. Proposals

should be addressed to, Tewksbury School Superintendent Christopher Malone 139 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 01878. Proposals must be clearly labeled "Proposal for Extended Day School and Summer Programs".

All inquiries from prospective proposers concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing to: School Superintendent Christopher Malone at [cmalone@tewksbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:cmalone@tewksbury.k12.ma.us).

The Town of Tewksbury, through the Town Manager, is the Awarding Authority and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals; to waive any defects, informalities, and minor irregularities; to accept exceptions to these specifications; to award contracts or to cancel this Request for Proposals if it is in the Town's best interest to do so.  
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# The sweet taste of victory

Celebrating their victory, Dave Robertson with campaign staff and supporters.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)



# Happy Anniversary to Escapology!

Happy one year anniversary to ESCAPOLOGY in Tewksbury! Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce members had a blast celebrating with Venue Manager, Rich Pachucki and his staff at a recent after-hours networking event. Fun place for all and great place to hold your next business team building event.

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# Town ready for Veterans Day celebration on Sunday

WILMINGTON — The Department of Veterans' Services invites all Wilmington residents to the town's Veterans' Day Ceremony on Wilmington Common on Sunday Nov. 11, 2018 at 11 a.m.

The Wilmington Department of Veterans Services invites you to come to remember and honor all the past and present veterans on Sunday, Nov. 11, as they will assemble at the Fourth of Ju-

ly parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and proceed to the Town Common for this year's Veterans' Day ceremonies at 11 a.m.

This year's ceremony will begin with the ringing of the Ceremonial Bell 21 times as a salute and remembrance of those who served and sacrificed during WWI on its 100th year anniversary.

Also, for the month of November to honor all of the veterans' the town common will be "lit green" and they

also invite everyone to put a green light outside their house.

The Department of Veterans Services would like to thank all Wilmington residents for their past support for all the department's events and their continued support for all the veterans' in town.

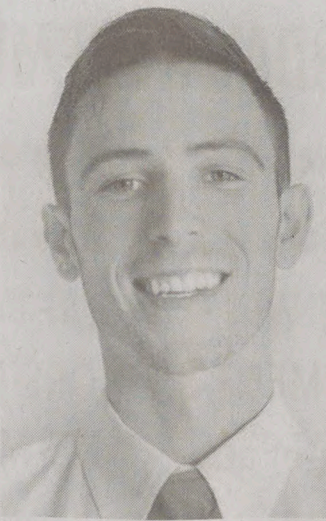
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact their office at 978-694-2040.

# Zachary Blanch joins RE/MAX Encore as new sales associate

WILMINGTON — RE/MAX Encore has announced that Realtor® Zachary Blanch is the latest addition to the growing real estate franchise. Blanch acquired his license this past year, however, his ability to learn quickly and professional character make it seem like he has been in the business for years.

Blanch works locally in Wilmington along with other areas in Greater Boston and will be focusing primarily on residential real estate. He is currently working as a part of the Hoff Team with established Realtor and co-broker/owner of RE/MAX Encore, Elaine Hoff.

"I'm excited to join the most productive real estate network in the U.S. and heighten the buying and selling experience for my clients," Blanch said. "Overall it is a great time to buy real estate. Wilmington is in high demand, homes are selling quickly and I'm ready to help guide members of the community through the exciting and sometimes



▲ BLANCH

overwhelming process."

"Zach has proven to be hard working and shown he has the ability to quickly learn how to help his buyers find the right home and sellers get the best price," said Elaine Hoff RE/MAX Encore co-owner. "He truly enjoys helping his clients with every detail."

Blanch has been a resident of Wilmington for his entire life and graduated Cum Laude from Southern New

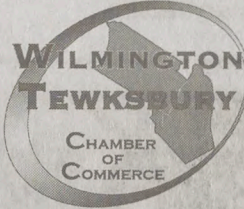
Hampshire University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology.

He understands the importance of providing his clients with the latest market information and industry expertise and is passionate about making his clients feel comfortable and informed throughout the entire real estate transaction.

Blanch has demonstrated a professional and dependable work ethic that clearly corresponds with his enthusiasm in going over the top for his clients. Blanch is a member of the National Association of Realtors and is therefore held to a higher standard of ethics than a non-realtor agent.

In addition to helping community members find the right home, Blanch is also passionate about giving back to his community. He volunteers at the food pantry and helps provide food for the local families in need.

Zachary Blanch can be reached at 978-888-4798 or zblanch44@gmail.com



# Chamber Corner

Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce  
226 Lowell St., Suite B4A  
Wilmington, MA 01887 [www.WilmingtonTewksburyChamber.org](http://www.WilmingtonTewksburyChamber.org)

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  - Construction Recruitment

This member profile is provided by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce. To have your business highlighted here contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211.

# Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

**Coffee With The Chamber**

Date: Tuesday, November 13  
Time: 8 am – 9 am  
Place: Tewksbury Town Hall  
Open to members and non-members looking to learn more about the Chamber.

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Date: Thursday, November 15  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Place: EXIT Family First Realty, Wilmington

**Ice Sculpture @ Holiday Tree Lightings**

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## Robertson supporters not just fair weather friends

◀ Out in the rain since 7:30 a.m. at the Wildwood School polling place Debbie Capozzi, John Arvanitis and John Wallace try to stay dry.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

**Fall Church Fair**  
The Congregational Church  
220 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington

- Baked Goods • Cookie Walk
- To Go Meals • Fudge Kitchen
- Luncheon

**Saturday Nov 17, 2018**  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
All are Invited

## iPods to continue NE hospital tour

IPODS FROM PAGE 1

five years ago.

"This year it finally got approved."

Cardello explained that David Bourne and Jim Kimball, the Teamsters who walked across England to raise money for IFWV in the past, supported the 2013 proposal. In addition to sponsor-

ing the first national luncheon, Cardello is booked for interviews for print, radio, TV, and a podcast while he's in D.C.

After his return on Friday, he jumps right back into the iPods for Wounded Veterans tour of New England veterans' hospitals at the V.A. Boston Healthcare System's location in Brockton on Sat-

urday. It's their goal to reach 1,000 servicemen and women by the end of their tour, which wraps up on Jan. 5 at the Manchester VA Medical Center in Manchester, NH. In the meantime, iPods also is hosting a Central Mass. Military Appreciation Day on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1 - 4 p.m. with the Teamster's sponsorship.

## Science pilot programs come at no cost to Wilmington

SCIENCE FROM PAGE 1

"There are connections to literacy all throughout these new programs now," he said.

Reagan also added that the new program could spur teachers to increasingly select science books for the nonfiction portion of their

classroom libraries.

"If you have a core program that's in place, it's a lot easier to sort of match books to something you're doing in class."

The pilot programs come at no cost to the town. There will be a placeholder item in next year's budget, as the new pro-

gram will not be selected before budget drafting begins.

Murphy and Reagan said they would be providing an update in the spring with results from the pilot as the district moves toward choosing and implementing a new program throughout all elementary levels.

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## Fall foliage at Silver Lake

Colorful foliage will soon give way to winter's cold winds

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

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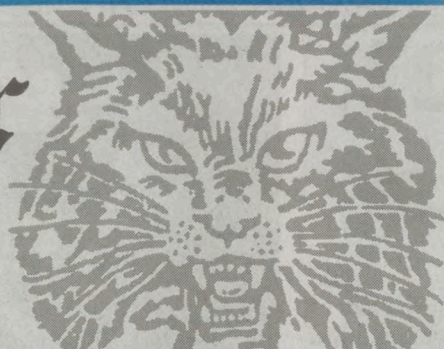
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018

## Wildcats get washed out in D2 Quarterfinals

### WHS Girls Soccer defeated by reigning state champions

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

[jamiapote@hotmail.com](mailto:jamiapote@hotmail.com)  
DANVERS - After pulling out an upset over the No. 5 seed Dracut throughout the rain and cold temperatures Friday night, the Wilmington High School girls' soccer team faced the same obstacles on Monday night, except a much bigger challenge with the likes of the No. 4 seed and reigning Division 2 state champions of Danvers.

Wilmington was hoping that the tough weather conditions, or anything else for that matter, would slow down a powerful Falcons' squad. That happened over the first 60-minutes or so before Danvers went on to score four goals in the final 18 minutes to come away with a 4-0 victory in a Division 2 quarterfinal round match-up.

"We were beaten by a better team," said Wildcat head coach Sue Hendee. "We hung with them for about 60 minutes and then the bottom kind of fell out. That's what I expected from (Danvers). I saw them play Tewksbury (in the first round game) and their shots from outside are dead-on and they were rifling them in the second half (tonight). I think Alyssa (Morrison, our goalie) did really well, especially that

one save."

Danvers had previously defeated Tewksbury, 3-1, in the first round, and in the regular season the Wildcats came from behind to knock off the Redmen, 2-1, in a Saturday morning non-league contest. The Falcons kept up that momentum by completely dominating the Wildcats, holding the team to just one shot on net in the first half and four in the second half, all bouncing shots from well outside the 18-yard box.

"It's difficult to play a controlled game when you are under that much pressure all of the time," said Hendee. "It was like when we played Stoneham (late in the season). They kept putting pressure on us and when that happens, it's difficult to connect passes together. (Danvers) is a really good team and I knew that they were going to be really fast upfront and I knew they had strong overall team speed. They are good. They are the defending state champions for a reason."

Danvers' head coach Jimmy Hinchion said to the Salem News that the team's offense was a little too bland in the first half before becoming a bit more creative in the second half, which led to the four goals. He also added that his



Above, Wilmington High freshman Alyssa Granara battles for a loose ball in the air and below, she battles with Danvers player Madison Capezzuto for possession during the Division 2 North Quarterfinal playoff game played in the rain on Monday night at Danvers High School. (photos by Jim Vaiknoras).

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## Hall of Fame Class of 2018



On Saturday night at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading, the 2018 WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Night was held. This year's class included ten individuals and two teams. Among the individual inductees include: front row from left, Tom Walsh, Jack Irwin, Ray Mercuri and Jackie Mello; Back row from left, Nick Farnsworth, Vinny Papageorgiou, Ashley Vitale, Greg Stewart, Ernie Mello, and representing the late Derek Hanley who was inducted posthumously was his brother David Hanley. Missing from photo is inductee Brianne Bozzella. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



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# Pioneers top 'Cats, 34-22, in non-qualifying contest

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WILMINGTON - It has been a struggle as of late for the Wilmington High Football team, who entering last Friday night's non-play-off qualifier with Somerville High at Alumni Field had lost four games in a row, including being outscored 74-15 in their last two games.

Unfortunately for the Wildcats, the struggles continued as they suffered a 34-22 loss, dropping their record on the season to 3-6.

Wilmington did get several outstanding individual performances in the loss, with senior running back Peter Marino leading the way with 154 yards rushing and a touchdown, while Kyle Vallee had 49 yards rushing. Also, senior quarterback Andrew Sullivan threw for 99 yards and a touchdown while also rushing for another score. All of that was not enough, however, as the injury depleted Wildcats trailed 20-7 at the half on their way to taking the loss.

"We didn't play our best," Wilmington coach Craig Turner said. "Defensively we are just not playing very well, and they hurt us with a couple of big pass plays and long runs. We are playing some inexperienced kids right now due to all the injuries and it shows."

Somerville wasted very little time in jumping on top in this one. After holding Wilmington to a three-and-out on their first possession of the game, the Highlanders went on a six play, 55-yard drive to take

the lead on a three-yard run by quarterback Louis Montina with 6:55 left in the first quarter. The extra point failed, but Somerville had an early 6-0 lead.

After intercepting the Wildcats in the end zone on the ensuing possession, the Highlanders needed only two plays to extend their lead, with Fred Castin scoring on a 77-yard run, bursting through the middle of the Wilmington line and racing untouched into the end zone for a 13-0 lead after the Larsen Pierre extra point with 4:45 left in the quarter.

"They had the long touchdown run early, and it is tough to give up those kinds of plays and be able to win the game," Turner said. "And then a couple of times later in the game we had them in fourth down situations, but we could not get off the field. The kids are working hard but right now things just aren't going our way."

The Wildcats were able to get their offense going on their next possession, going on an impressive with play, 75-yard drive, capped off by a six yard keeper by Sullivan with 7:33 left in the first half. Adam Bishop's extra point pulled the Wildcats to within 13-7.

Marino did the bulk of the work on the drive, in fact almost all of the work, rushing for 69 yards on the drive to help set up Sullivan's touchdown run.

"Pete had a great game for us," Turner said. "Unfortunately we fell behind to a point where we couldn't go to the running

game as much as we would have liked, so that kind of hurt us. We were having a lot of success running the ball, but when you are behind like that you have to go away from it. I wish we had been able to go back to it later in the game."

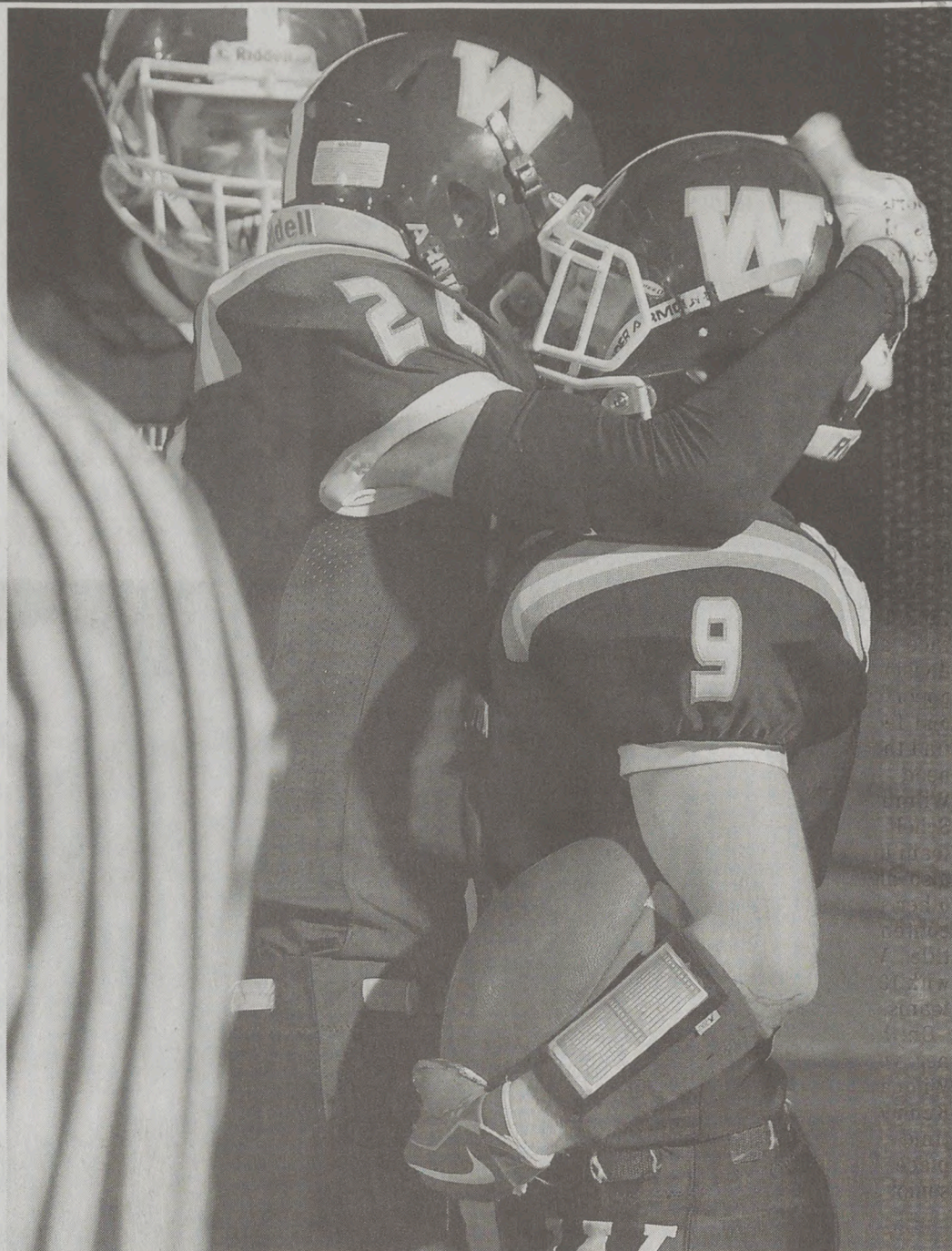
The Wildcats were unable to maintain the momentum of the touchdown, as Somerville used the ensuing possession to go on a nine play, 55-yard drive capped off by a 20-yard pass from Montina to Moise Nazair with 3:31 left in the half.

The key play on the drive came on a fourth and nine play from the Wilmington 43-yard line where the Highlanders picked up ten yards to keep the drive going.

Somerville would take that 20-7 lead into the half, and would add to their lead on the opening possession of the second half, going on a seven play drive capped off by an 11-yard touchdown pass from Montina to Miyard Joseph with 7:36 left in the third quarter for a 27-7 lead.

After missing a couple of series due to an apparent injury, Marino returned to the game late in the third quarter and his return paid immediate dividends, as he scored on a three yard run with 9:09 left in the game to pull the Wildcats within 27-14.

The Wildcats got a defensive stop on Somerville's next possession, and tried a little trickery to get back in the game on a halfback pass, only to see Somerville's Kelly Alphonse



In an earlier season game, WHS Football players Stephen Anthony (24) and Connor Benoit (9) celebrate a touchdown. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

intercept it and return it 51 yards for a touchdown to make the score 34-14 with 5:59 left in the game.

The Wildcats would close out the scoring with 1:06 left in the game when Sullivan hooked up with freshman John Germano for a 29-yard

touchdown pass to close within after connecting with Germano for the two point conversion as well.

Wilmington will be back in action on Friday night when they travel to take on a talented Winchester Sachems team that was the No. 4 seed in the Division 3 playoffs before being eliminated by Beverly two weeks ago. The Sachems then suffered a 27-14 loss to Andover last week in a non-playoff game. Despite their losing two games in a row, Turner

knows his team will face a stiff challenge against Winchester.

"They are a good team. I don't know what we did to the selection committee, but they aren't doing us any favors with the schedule," Turner said. "They were the number four seed in the division above us, so we know they are a very good team. But it is what it is, and we just need to go out and battle the best we can."

## Division 2 North Sectional Field Hockey

# Powerful Gloucester team gets revenge with first round state tournament victory

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GLOUCESTER - Last year, the Wilmington High School Field Hockey team ended Gloucester's season with a thrilling 2-1 overtime win.

Last Wednesday, the No. 2 seed Fishermen returned the favor, ending the No. 15 seed 'Cats season with a dominating 4-0 win in a Division 2 North Sectional first round game held at Newell Stadium.

Gloucester scored two goals in each half, held a shot advantage of 17-1 and held a corner advantage of 20-0.

"The (Gloucester) girls were fantastic and got something going right from the start," said Gloucester coach Lauren Riley Grove to the Gloucester Daily Times after the win. "We kept getting those corner chances and that demoralizes teams both mentally and physically, especially when down a couple of goals."

Wilmington's season ended with a record of 9-9-1 overall. Gloucester meanwhile

edged out Newburyport, 1-0, in overtime in the quarterfinal round and were slated to take on the No. 3 seed Manchester-Essex in the sectional semi-finals.

Wilmington netminder Johanna Robinson was pelted early and often with rocket shots, intight shots, rebounds, crosses and deflections as Gloucester pressured the fourth goal with 90 seconds left. Robinson was nothing short of sensational in this game. The sophomore stood on her head, feet, back and then her head again, making a number of kick out and blocker saves.

Gloucester got on the scoreboard coming midway through the first half on its third offensive corner. Jemima Grow took the corner and passed it off and the ball got worked around to the opposite side and eventually landed on the stick of Mia Salah. She took a shot and the ball deflected high into the air, over Robinson's

shoulder to the back post where Grow was planted after the corner pass, and she tapped in the loose ball for what proved to be the game winner.

Just 88 seconds later, the Fishermen struck again as senior Tracy Wood sent a heavy, hard shot to the back of the net, nearly impossible for any netminder to stop.

Robinson came up big with separate kick out saves which led to corner numbers six and seven. The eighth one came with about 1:45 left in the half. Gloucester had a barrage of shots in front of the net with Robinson making three saves, before the fourth shot was put behind her, but luckily Foley was there to stop it before it crossed the line to keep it 2-0 at the break.

Robinson made another strong leg save off the third corner of the second half, before Gloucester made it 3-0 with 22 minutes left, and then added the fourth one with under two minutes to go.

Wilmington's only shot came with 11 minutes left in

the game off the stick of senior captain Molly Foley.

The Wildcats will lose 14 players off this year's club leaving a lot of holes to fill the next few years. Foley is the lone captain and she along with Meghan Canale and Rebecca Ganley were named to the Middlesex League All-Star team. April Haines, who came on during the middle of last year and played terrific in the net before getting injured early on and missed the final three-quarters of the season, also will be leaving the program, as well as Dianna Riley, Kacie Bourrell, Sophia Novak, Emily Wright, Emily Gear, Leah Stalker, Gianna Zaccagnini, Ryan Bailey, Emma Rhind and Kylie Flanagan.

Holdovers will include Robinson, juniors Sophia D'Amico and Katie McConologue (not a senior, which was said several weeks ago), sophomores Anja Jensen, Chase Andersen and Annabelle Kane, as well as the lone freshman Rita Roche.

## Football Box Score and Stats

### SOMERVILLE 34, WILMINGTON 22

Somerville (2-7)	13	7	7	7	34
Wilmington (3-6)	0	7	0	15	22
S:	Louis Montina 3 run (kick failed)				
S:	Fred Castin 77 run (Larsen Pierre kick)				
W:	Andrew Sullivan 6 run (Adam Bishop Kick)				
S:	Moise Nazair 20 pass from Montina (Pierre kick)				
S:	Miyard Joseph 11 pass from Montina (Pierre kick)				
W:	Marino 3 run (Adam Bishop Kick)				
S:	Kelly Alphonse 51 interception return (Pierre kick)				
W:	John Germano 29 pass from Sullivan (Sullivan pass to Germano)				

### Team Stats (Wilmington only)

	W
First Downs	13
Rushes-Yards	39-166
Pass-Att-Int	13-25-2
Passing Yards	132
Total Yards	298
Fumbles-Lost	1-1

### Individual Stats

Passing: Andrew Sullivan 12-for-19, 99 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; Tristan Ciampa 1-for-5, 32 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; Christian Robarge 0-for-1, 0 TD, 1 INT.

Rushing: Peter Marino 27-154, 1 TD; Kyle Vallee 8-4; Connor Benoit 2-2; Andrew Sullivan 2-6, 1 TD.

Receiving: John Germano 3-39, 1 TD; Stephen Anthony 5-36; Christian Robarge 1-32; Kyle Kenyon 1-8; Connor Benoit 1-4; Devin Clerico 1-11; Stephen Smolinsky 1-2.

## Wilmington Season Stats

Wilmington	28	35	19	41	123
Opponents	56	80	12	25	173
Team Stats					
	W	Opp*			
First Downs:	85	65			
Rushes/Yards:	260-1,000	222-1,203			
Pass-Att-Int:	79-178-13	44-102-6			
Passing Yards:	901	771			
Total Yards:	1,901	1,974			
Penalties-yards:	20-155 *	34-320			
Fumbles-lost:	15-10	9-8			

\*Does not include Somerville game.

### Individual Stats

Passing: Andrew Sullivan 74-for-156, 818 yards, 9 TD's, 11 INTs; Tristan Ciampa 5-for-19, 82 yards; Stephen Anthony 0-for-2, 0 yards, 1 INT; Christian Robarge 0-for-1, 0 yards, 1 INT.

Rushing: Peter Marino 175-865, 6 TD's; Bailey Smith 6-50; Connor Benoit 13-34; Andrew Sullivan 33-19, 3 TDs; Devin Clerico 3-14; Kyle Vallee 11-10; Tristan Ciampa 10-10; Domenick DeMonico 2-1, Stephen Smolinsky 3 (-1); Jordan Olatilu 5 (-2).

Receiving: Kyle Kenyon 19-312, 3 TD's; Connor Benoit 28-181, 3 TD's; Stephen Anthony 10-107, 1 TD; Peter Marino 6-104; Christian Robarge 2-59; Jason Marquard 5-47; John Germano 3-39, 1 TD; Colin Rooney 2-29; Bailey Smith 1-7, 1 TD; Stephen Smolinsky 2-5.

Scoring: Peter Marino 6 TD's, 36 points; Adam Bishop 15 PAT's, 2 field goals, 21 points; Connor Benoit 3 TD's, 1 conversion, 20 points; Kyle Kenyon 3 TD's, 18 points; Andrew Sullivan 3 TDs, 18 points; John Germano 1 TD, 1 conversion, 8 points; Bailey Smith 1 TD, 6 points; Joseph DeMonico 1 TD, 6 points; Stephen Anthony 1 TD, 6 points; Jared Venezia, 1 Def TD, 6 points.

Compiled by Mike Ippolito, Jamie Pote and Dan Zimmerman.



Last Thursday night, the successful WHS Field Hockey team's season came to an end with a state tournament loss to Gloucester. The 2018 team includes front row from left: Meghan Canale, Molly Foley, Dianna Riley, Gianna Zaccagnini, Kylie Flanagan, and Emily Wright; second row from left, Emily Gear, Emma Rhind, Kacie Bourrell, Ryan Bailey, Rebecca Ganley, Sophia Novak and Leah Stalker; back row from left, April Haines, Annabelle Kane, Kathleen McConologue, Sophia D'Amico, Chase Anderson and Head Coach Leanne Ebert. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Cross-Country teams get a tune up before this weekend's Eastern Mass Meet

By **MIKE IPPOLITO**  
Sports Correspondent

As they gear up for the upcoming Division 4 Eastern Mass Meet this Saturday morning, the Wilmington High Boys and Girls Cross Country teams each competed in the MSTCA Coaches Invitational at the Wrentham Developmental Center this past Sunday, with both teams getting some outstanding performances throughout their roster.

"We use the Coaches Invitational as a last tune up race as we head into the divisional meets. It is a good opportunity to get a last second feel for the course and find those last few things we need to work on," Wilmington coach Brian Schell said. "For the boys team in particular, this meet also allows us to see a few other teams in our division contending for the team title. We even came away with 13 medals between both teams."

On the Boys side, one runner who stood out for the Wildcats was junior Nolan Kennedy, who finished in a time of 17:38, taking 23rd place overall in the junior-senior race. For Kennedy, it

is the continuation of a terrific mid-season comeback.

"Nolan was ill at the very beginning of the season and missed almost a month of training, and to have come as far as he has is awesome," Schell said. "Between the league meet and the coaches invite, his overall performances have been consistent and has ran roughly a 40 second personal record from last year."

"Aside from the top of his uniform malfunctioning during the race, he looked solid throughout."

Junior Greg Adamek turned in the best time of the day for the Wildcats, finishing seventh overall in a time of 17:01, followed by senior Ben Packer (12th, 17:10), Kevin Elder (17:41). Junior Brian Elder (30th, 17:55) junior Joe Lydon (36th, 18:06) and sophomore Sean Riley who was 19th in the freshman-sophomore meet in a time of 18:09.

The Wildcats Girls squad also got several outstanding efforts, and Schell liked what he saw from many of his runners.

"Overall, the girls ran very well and had great performances. Like the boys, everyone had solid races and they

just need to carry that into states," Schell said. "At this point, a lot of the training has been geared more towards heading into indoor track season. We would do shorter road runs and building on a faster base."

One runner who stood out among all the others to Schell was sophomore Carissa Rubin, who took 32nd place in the freshman-sophomore meet in a time of 23:21.

"I (had previously) talked to Carissa about joining the team and switching to a distance runner. Since then she hasn't looked back and has been a solid contributor to the team's success," Schell said. "She too has been consistent with her performances especially today. She was strong from start to finish and worked every downhill. I am happy for how far she has come and has stepped up big time in such a short season."

The top finisher of the day on the Girls side was junior Gianna Misuraca, who finished 25th in the junior-senior race in a time of 21:29.

She was followed by senior Amie Russell (85th, 24:01), junior Allie Jordan (89th, 24:05), along with freshman



Displaying their medals after Sunday's MSTCA Invitational Meet include WHS Boys and Girls Cross-Country team members: Brian Elder (sitting); next row from left, Angie Ciampa, Carissa Rubin and Gianna Misuraca, Olivia Erler and back row from left, Ben Packer, Nolan Kennedy, Will Doucett, Greg Adamek, Joe Lydon, Sean Riley, Joe Dynan Kevin Elder.

Olivia Erler who was 41st in the freshman-sophomore race in a time of 24:06, while fellow freshman Angie Ciampa was 46th in that race in a time of 24:14.

## Doherty's first place finish meant more than just winning

By **JOSH CAREDEO**  
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TEWKSBURY The sun was shining and the wind was howling as the 2nd annual Tewksbury Takes on T1 5K Walk/Run got underway. Jacob Doherty, 12, of Wilmington, took part in this event last year, said the course did not change.

"It wasn't that difficult," Jacob said.

The starting line for the race was placed in the visi-

tor parking lot of the John Wynn Middle School on Griffin Way, marked by two orange cones with balloons attached to them. Runners and walkers then had to make a loop to the left around the back of the school, continue past the "circle" over by the front entrance, go on the sidewalk past the new apartment developments on the left, and make their way on to Route 38 by Metro Credit Union and the plaza that

houses Villa Roma Pizza and Elements Massage.

"I thought I was just going to jog it, and at the end just walk it," Doherty said.

Those plans quickly changed when Jacob saw his best friend Jake Ryan, one of the two boys diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and who the race was in honor of, run away from the pack, and that's when he knew he had to catch up.

The next part of the course took them through the wood-

ed area of the school grounds, not too far from the Livingston Street Recreation area. This portion of the race was when Doherty started to not feel well. Jacob mentioned that recently he had been getting frequent headaches, so his doctor did tests to see what was wrong.

That setback did not stop Doherty from finishing the race, and finishing it in spectacular fashion. Doherty sprinted through the finish

line right where he started, stride for stride with two others, ultimately grabbing the first place victory.

"I was a little dizzy," he said. "I caught myself going fast, and I was like I have to finish it."

There was no official timekeeper for the event, but that did not matter to Jacob. He knew this race was more than winning and losing, it was about helping a great friend through tough times.

"It's good because they can

know that I got their backs, and that this is to help them and that I can make them feel very good," Jacob said.

Michele Doherty, Jacob's mother, was thrilled to see her son cross the finish line. She also knew that the race had more meaning as well.

"Jake has been a really good friend to him for a long time, he really felt in his heart that he wanted to do this for him and support him," said Michelle.



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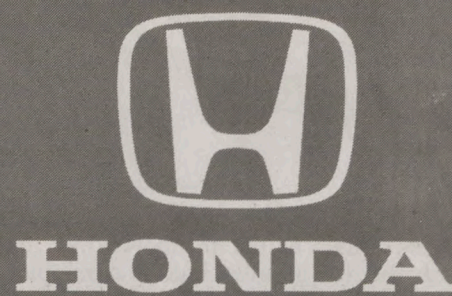
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# One special night for the Mello Family

Brother-and-Sister inducted into Hall of Fame together

## Three-sport athlete and captain, Ernie was all class

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NORTH READING - In the past 25 years, there hasn't been a better three-sport male athlete than Ernie Mello. Certainly there are a handful of athletes - current Hall of Famers - who are right below that threshold, but Mello easily holds that distinction, while his accolades and accomplishments certainly puts him right up there as one of the all-time best three-sport athletes to ever play at Wilmington High School.

Whether or not different opinions would put Mello is first, tenth or 50th on that all-time three-sport athlete list, one thing is certain is Mello is now one of just 76 male athletes to ever suit up in a Wildcat uniform to be inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame, which occurred Saturday night at the Hillview Country Club.

While he was elated with the news and the induction, the night was even more special to Ernie and his entire family as his sister Jackie was also inducted as a three-sport athlete between soccer and indoor and outdoor track-and-field.

"I found out (about being inducted) when (committee member) Mark DiGiovanni called me and we spoke on the phone about my selection," said Mello. "I got to know Mark over the past few years through the Wilmington Alumni Hockey games, so it was nice to find out from someone I have great respect for and consider a friend. I was really excited to learn I'd be sharing the night with the other great athletes in this induction class including my sister, Jackie. I was tempted to pick up the phone and call her as soon as I found out, but also did not want to ruin her moment if she hadn't received the official news yet - so I waited. We were able to share a few laughs on the phone once we both knew."

Ernie graduated from WHS in 2008, two years after his sister. Ernie was a three-sport captain, excelling in football, ice hockey and baseball. During his illustrious career, he broke the football team's all-time single game rushing record set previously by fellow Hall of Famer Jack Bowen with 375 yards and 7 touchdowns in a

win over Lawrence.

Mello also led the ice hockey team to its first ever North Sectional Championship game in the epic shoot-out win over Tewksbury, before losing in the state final. Then in baseball, he played nearly every position on the field and helped the Wildcats capture the program's first ever Cape Ann League Championship title.

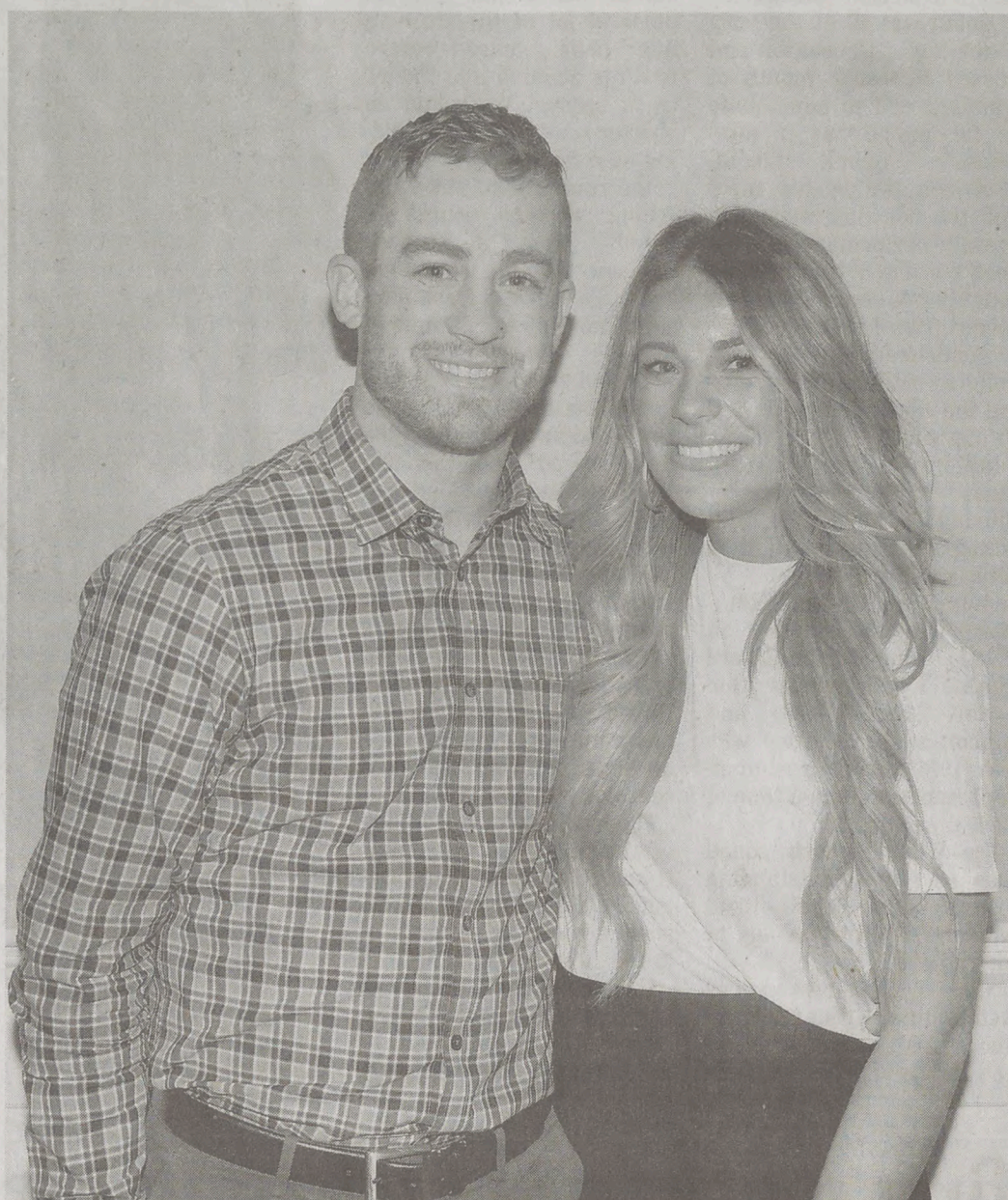
He was named the WHS Dr. Fagan Award winner as the Best Male Athlete during his senior year, and was also named the Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Year in the winter of 2007, and two years later, a panel of ten sportswriters, coaches and WHS Athletic Supporters voted him as the Town Crier's Male Athlete of the Decade.

In addition in high school, he was named the recipient of the annual Sons of Italy Sports Award and then was presented with the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete award, given to just 22 players from across the state based on outstanding football ability and performance, academic achievement and school leadership and example.

"Ernie is a quiet leader," said varsity baseball coach Aldo Cairra back in 2007. "The best way to describe him is he keeps his nose clean. He gives you that one-hundred percent all of the time. He's the type of kid who will give you a quick smile, but is one-hundred percent serious whenever he practices and whenever he plays in a game. He gets upset when he strikes out or when he makes an error, but that just gives him the incentive to come back the next time when he's at the plate or in the field."

While baseball was probably his least dominating sport, Mello certainly was extremely impressive on the field, whether he was in the field at first, second or third base, as well as catcher and DH. During his senior year, he didn't commit a single error in 94 chances and was named the team's Gold Glove Award Winner, as the best defensive player. He was also voted to the Dick Scanlon Memorial All-Tournament Team.

He finished his career with a .315 batting average, including 46 hits, 1 home run, 10 RBI, 11 doubles, 1



On Saturday night, the annual WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Night was held at the Hillview Country Club. Among this year's inductees include brother-and-sister, Ernie and Jackie Mello. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

triple, a .425 slugging percentage and a .420 on-base percentage. He also swiped a mind-boggling 21 bases.

Certainly stealing 21 bases in a career opens a lot of eyes, but Mello's performance on one night on the gridiron simply is off the charts. After being a backup to All-Scholastic Rich Barry, Mello finally got his chance as a No. 1 running back as a senior. All he did was rush for 1,725 yards with 29 touchdowns, helping to lead the Wildcats to their second straight co-Cape Ann League Championship title.

He started the season out with two big games, a 135-yard, 3-touchdown performance in a win over Belmont, and followed that up with 242-yard and four touchdowns against Newburyport. Then came a home contest against Lawrence where he finished with 375 rushing yards on 42 carries, while adding in two kick-off returns for a combined 52 yards, two receptions for a combined 19 yards, giving him a grand total of 446 all-purpose yards in a crazy 47-33 win over Lawrence.

"The win (that's all I care about)," said Mello after that game to this reporter. "We just look for wins, that's it. All we care about is getting the win."

Mello was then asked a follow-up question about finishing the game with seven, yes seven touchdowns in a 40-minute span.

"No way (I did that). I lost count (actually). I couldn't even understand it probably because it was such a long game. I can't understand it, but I would never have imagined this."

Added then head coach Bob Almeida on the once-in-a-lifetime performance, "Ernie was phenomenal. He is really, really running so instinctively, so hard. He's getting tough yards and he's making great downfield cuts. He is really, really playing well."

After that game, Mello had 752 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns in three games. He had carried the ball 88 times - one carry went for zero yards and the other 87 went for positive yards!

The 375 yards broke Bowen's program record of 340 in a win against Andover during his senior season of 1962, while the seven touchdowns also broke a school record, both confirmed by Hall of Famer John Ritchie at the time. Mello finished the season scoring 174 points, as a 5-foot-10, 165-pound back.

After his senior year

ended, Mello was named to both the Boston Herald and Globe All-Scholastic teams, was the Lowell Sun Player of the Year, the Cape Ann League Player of the Year, the WHS Team MVP and later on was selected to play in both the Agganis and Shriners All-Star Games, and he was named the MVP of the Agganis Classic.

Mello - who before high school was a part of a National Championship Pop Warner team - was also an outstanding safety on defense.

"(Ernie's) having a tremendous year and he deserves everything he gets," said Almeida, later that 2007 season when Mello scored five touchdowns in a win over Ipswich. "How many kids have scored that many touchdowns, and how many of them play offense, defense and special teams and don't come off the field? He played a heck of a game. He's just a tremendous all-around football player and I think people are starting to pay attention to that."

Just a few weeks after that magical senior football season ended, Mello laced up the skates. The junior before the Wildcats missed the state tournament due to injuries, inconsistent team and individual performances and leadership. That wasn't going to happen again.

Mello along with cast of other talented players, including Eric Siegel and goalie Mike Cabral, led the Wildcats to a Cape Ann League title, the Division 2 North Sectional title, and to the TD Bank North Garden, losing a 1-0 game to Sandwich.

"My top memory at WHS was probably the 2008 hockey team's playoff run which eventually led to the state championship game at the Boston Garden," he said. "That team was so close and full of guys who had been playing hockey together since the mite-level. Obviously we did not get the result we wanted in the final game, but the play-in game we won against Tewksbury High at the Chelmsford Forum was one of the most exciting games I've ever played in. The place was packed full with fans from both sides and the atmosphere was absolutely electric! Lifting that trophy to our student section and getting on the bus home with the team after that overtime win is a feeling I'll never forget."

A year after finishing with 25 points (and 22 as a sophomore), Mello finished that

'08 season with a team leading 29 goals and 17 assists as the 'Cats finished 17-3-4 overall, which included a 15-game unbeaten streak. He was named a Cape Ann League All-Conference selection - coming after an all-star year as a junior - and was named a Lowell Sun All-Star.

After graduating from WHS, Mello went on to have a stellar football career at WPI, where he would be named a Division 3 All-American. He earned his degree in mechanical engineering in 2012 and a year later earned his master's degree. He resides in Worcester with his wife, Renee.

He said looking back at his stellar athletic (and academic) career at WHS, it was nothing but an entire roster filled of people who assisted.

"I'd like to thank all my teammates," he said. "I was lucky enough to share the field/rink with some other great athletes and great friends who helped make my time at WHS so enjoyable. I'd like to thank my coaches - Coach Almeida specifically, for putting me in the best situations to succeed and for all the work he did my senior year with college recruiting."

"Most importantly, I'd like to thank my family: My mother, Theresa, for all of her emotional support throughout my high school years and her quiet, unwavering confidence in me to succeed. My sister, Jackie, for setting a great example with her athletic achievements and my brother, David, for suffering through the thousands of unending pickup games we'd play in the backyard to hone our skills. My wife, Renee, for always being in my corner and reminding me to not take myself too seriously. My grandparents for coming out to my games to show their love and support."

"And finally, my father Stephen, for everything he's done for me. My love for athletics came from what he coached. The values he taught me through sports about leadership, commitment, respect, and discipline have gone beyond the playing field and made me who I am today. I'm very proud to be able to share this accomplishment with my sister, and we both owe a great deal of our success to him being such a great coach and great father."

## Jackie won three CAL Titles and 11 state medals

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NORTH READING - Before she entered Wilmington High School, Jackie Mello had no track-and-field experience. Two years later, as a sophomore during the indoor season, she placed ninth in the 55-meter dash at the New England Meet with a time of 7.47 seconds.

Mello would end up with 14 medals between league, state and all-state meets; she was a part of four individual school records, a part of two relay team school records during her incredible track career, and also was a goal scorer on the girls' soccer team, lettering three years.

All of that added up to being inducted into Saturday night's Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame held at the Hillview Country Club.

She said that she was in Tennessee when Hall of Fame Committee Member Mark DiGiovanni called to inform her that she was one of the ten athletes to be enshrined into this year's class and was completely caught off guard with that conversation.

"I had been traveling and had missed the original call," she said. "When I called home to check in with my family, my mother had mentioned there was a voicemail on the house phone that 'sounded important'. When I called Mark DiGiovanni back he gave me the news. I was absolutely shocked and honored. One of the best parts about the call was learning that my brother Ernie would be inducted along with me. Being able to share the moment with him has been a lot of fun."

"I also would like to take this opportunity to thank my teammates and my coaches - both in soccer and track. I would not be where I am today without their drive, dedication, and commitment to us individually as well as our team."

Master of Ceremonies Jim Stewart threw a curveball by going out of order and inducting Jackie before her younger brother, which brought out some laughter from the entire crowd, especially the Mello Family. Jackie was asked before Saturday night about sharing her spotlight with her brother and she said she wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

"Sharing this with Ernie is an honor," she said. "I'm very proud of everything he has accomplished and he deserves every bit of this."

And certainly does older sister.

In soccer, Mello was a part of the varsity team for three years. In 2003 as a sophomore, she was a forward and helped the Wildcats capture the first ever (co) Cape Ann League Championship team. Wilmington finished the season with a 13-5-2 overall record which included a first round tournament win over Saugus before losing to Wakefield, in an epic game determined by penalty kicks.

As a junior, she finished the season with 10 goals and 5 assists, as she and fellow striker Kat Strazzere, combined for 30 points and anchored the team's offensive attack, while leading the team to its second straight league title. Wilmington advanced to the state tournament once again, beating Melrose before losing to Bishop Fenwick to finish the season with an overall record of 12-6-2.

In 2005, the Wildcats started off 1-6-1 and finished the regular season at 8-8-2.

"My favorite team memory

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No one from Wilmington could or would forget the Division 2 North Sectional Championship win over Tewksbury back in 2008, arguably the greatest hockey game played between the two towns. Ernie Mello proudly displayed the trophy before the crowd. (courtesy photo).



# Jackie Mello won three CAL Titles and 11 State Medals

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would have to be our pep talks before soccer games," she said. "The seniors would write us all a note before every game to pump us up. Some of those girls have become some of my best friends. Recently, I came across every single note throughout my high school soccer career and had some laughs with one of my best friends, and Hall of Famer, Lani Cabral-Pini. Those notes left us feeling so motivated and hungry going into every game."

While she had got help with motivation from her teammates in soccer, Mello said, back in high school that her father Steve was the one who really took care of that when it came to track-and-field. Both Steve and his brother John were excellent track athletes at Reading High School, both establishing program records.

"(My father) keeps me motivated," she said after the New England Meet as a sophomore, taking ninth. "He's always reminded me that I've got to work hard at each race and treat every race as if it's the most important one. You want everyone to know what you're capable of doing. I just keep that mindset with me."

Jackie followed in her father's footsteps in terms of breaking records at WHS including the 55-meters, 100 meters, the 200 meters and the long jump. She anchored two school record breaking relay teams in the 4x100 and 4x200, both coming at the Tewksbury Invitational Meet and the State Relay Meet.

Individually, Mello had an incredible career, especially indoors. As a freshman, she won the Cape Ann League

title in the dash, finished third at the state meet and 18th at the All-State Meet. In her first meet that season, she broke a school record.

"I broke the 50-yard dash record my very first track meet my freshman year in bulky workout shoes and no starting blocks," she said with a laugh. "I remember winning the race and receiving my time and thinking to myself 'I think this is your sport'. Immediately after the race my father said to me 'great job, now let's get you some new shoes'. That moment has stuck with me forever."

As a sophomore, she was second at both the league and state class meet, fourth at the All-States.

"It's the first time since I've been the coach (in ten years) that a girl has qualified for the New Englands," said then head coach Tom Bradley after that all-state meet performance. "She's in elite company. She was the sixth seed out of 24 competitors and for her to place fourth, while being a sophomore against what she was up against, I think really says something. She's the best sprinter I have ever coached."

Mello advanced to the NE's and finished 9th out of 33 competitors.

"I was ranked 11th going into the New Englands and I tied with a girl who had been second at the (Massachusetts) All-State Meet, and she was seeded seventh (at the New Englands)," said Mello after that NE Meet. "I was happy placing ninth. It would have been nice to move on to the finals though."

As a junior, Mello got her revenge and captured the

CAL title for the second time, then finished second at the Class C Meet, sixth at the All-States and made a trip back to the New Englands and finished 20th.

Then as a senior, she was first at the CAL Meet, giving her three titles in four years, fourth at Class C and 7th at All-States. Earlier that season she also won the Massachusetts State Invitational Meet in the dash.

"My most memorable high school memory would have to be winning the Massachusetts State Coaches Invitational," she said. "I got to compete against some of the fiercest runners across Massachusetts, that was a humbling experience in itself let alone winning my event."

Mello finished her career being named to the Lowell Sun team a combined four times between indoor and outdoor track, was a three-time Team MVP and a two-time Coaches Award selection.

And like her Hall of Fame brother, Jackie said that she wouldn't have been given the chance to be inducted had it not been for her Hall of Fame Family.

"I would like to thank my family for their around the clock love and support throughout those years as well as now," she said. "From dance recitals as a little girl to New England Championship Track meets, I can't remember them ever missing a single event. My mother, Theresa, for her unconditional love and support and always being supportive in anything I've chosen to do. My brothers, Ernie and David, for always giving me someone to compete against growing up and



Over her four-year career, Jackie Mello dominated the sprint events not only at WHS, but in the league and was a consistent top performer at the state and New England Meets. (courtesy photo)

for helping me become a confident female athlete. I want to thank my grandparents for trucking to all my soccer games and especially my track meets all to watch me run for seven seconds.

"And last but certainly not least I especially want to thank my father, Stephen, for completely taking me under his wing and showing me the ropes in everything sports related. His love for us and watching us succeed

comes second to none. His confidence in anything I've chosen to do has helped me become a stronger, more disciplined woman. For that, I'm forever grateful."



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WHS Hall of Fame Profile

Mercuri will forever bleed Blue and White

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WILMINGTON - Over three decades ago, Raymond Mercuri proudly put on his Blue and White Wildcat jersey whether it was in the ice rinks or out on the soccer field (and one year in golf).

On Saturday night, he dragged out an old 'WHS Alumni Hockey' jersey from his closet, which he had on over his shirt-and-tie. He was among the ten athletes inducted into this year's Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

As he stood at the podium to accept the incredible honor, he started off his acceptance speech by giving three chants of 'Wildcats', 'Wildcats' and 'Wildcats'. Before, during and after his extraordinary high school

ly elevated to the varsity level in 1987.

Instead of talking about the lack of wins the ice hockey team had during his career, he has expressed to the Town Crier his gratitude to the girls of his 1987 senior who got together to form their own hockey cheerleading team, "without the help from the athletic department."

Mercuri also is proud knowing that he was a captain of the 1986-'87 ice hockey team at WHS, the first to ever play its home games at the Ristuccia Arena.

During his acceptance speech, he spoke about his younger brother Michael, who passed back in 2011 and could not be on hand for the special evening, yet Mike's two sons were there for support, which meant the world to their uncle. Mike was a

coaching at the youth level.

It's been 31 years since he Ray Mercuri last suited up for the Wildcats, so it took him a little time to grasp the full details of one phone conversation he received several months ago.

"(Hall of Fame Committee member) Jack Cushing called my office to let me know," said Mercuri. "There was long pause on my end of the phone. I asked him to repeat what he said. My response was 'Wow, that was thirty years ago, Jack. By the end of the conversation we had together, I let Jack Cushing know this is truly an honor to be included with a lot of great Wilmington High School athletes.'"

Mercuri is now among the greatest of all-time at WHS. He earned six varsity letters, including three in ice hockey, two in soccer and one in golf (spring season back then). Through his first two years at the school, Mercuri only played one sport. That changed entering his junior year as he tried out for the soccer team. Not only did he make the team, but he led the team in scoring and was ranked in the top five of all scorers from the Merrimack Valley Conference. He was named a league all-star. Among his highlights that season was a four-goal game in a 7-0 win over Dracut.

The following year as a senior, Mercuri returned for his second season playing for the late Dick Scanlon. All he did was lead the entire MVC Conference in scoring, finishing with 14 goals and 6 assists for a team that finished 6-10-2. He was named to the MVC All-Conference team, to the Lowell Sun All-Star team and was named as a second team selection to the Boston Globe All-Star team. Among his highlights was scoring five goals and adding an assist in the team's win over Haverhill.

Mercuri said that playing those two seasons of soccer is something he will never forget.

"One tradition that I will



Newly elected Hall of Famer Ray Mercuri played soccer for just two years at WHS and had an immediate impact as a goal scorer. (courtesy photo).



Mercuri was also a three-year varsity member of the WHS Boys Hockey team. (courtesy photo).

career, Mercuri has bled the Wilmington High colors and not just the teams he played on, but all of the teams.

Instead of talking about his five goal performance against Haverhill on the soccer field, he spoke about how excited he was that the girls' program was official-

former goalie for the WHS Ice Hockey team.

Their youngest brother, Mark, was also a former WHS Hockey player, and was a forward like Ray. After graduation, Ray went on to play for Bentley College and over the years he and Mark have remained in the game,

never forget was pumpkining with the soccer team at coach Dick Scanlon's house," he said. "I owe thanks to Coach Scanlon. Dick was fun to play for and had many favorite sayings that I took from him and use today."

While Ray has fond memories playing on the soccer field, it was inside the cold ice arenas that he will always cherish. Both the '85-'86 and '86-'87 teams struggled to win. That junior season, the team finished with four victories and senior year the team started the first half off with a 3-7-1 record. One of his better offensive games came against Tewksbury as he

netted a hat trick.

During his sophomore campaign, the team did have its share of wins and competed in the state tournament, except Ray wasn't on the ice as a forward.

"One great memory was that my sophomore year I had to dress as a back up goalie for varsity hockey playing at Boston University rink," he remembered. "Our team needed a back up goalie to play in the state tournament. Being a sophomore and on the varsity ice hockey team was the most enjoyed year because I got to know the older guys in high school."

Mercuri said that it was his ice hockey coach Bill Cullen,

who deserves a lot of credit for the success he had in athletics.

"A thank you goes to Bill Cullen who talked me into playing soccer instead of football," said Mercuri. "Soccer was not my favorite sport but turned out to be my most successful sport in high school."

Mercuri added that a few more heartfelt thank-yous!

"My parents also need a thanks for supporting me and guiding me into playing sports as a kid," he said. "And I need to thank all my teammates and classmates for their support, friendship and memories."

The voice of the Wildcats, Tom Walsh, gets his own call

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NORTH READING -- Tom Walsh has dedicated a good portion of his adult life supporting and promoting Wilmington High School Athletics. Whether it be as the play-by-play man for WCTV's coverage of the WHS Football team, or as the timekeeper for the school's basketball teams, or finally as the public address announcer for their home football games, since 1988 Walsh's name has been synonymous with Wilmington High sports.

But despite his deep connection to the school's sports programs, there was nobody more surprised than him when he got a phone call telling him that he had been selected as an inductee into the 2018 the Wilmington High Athletic Hall of Fame. (Hall of Fame Committee Member) Matt McManus gave me a call, and he told me so directly that I had been elected to the Hall of Fame, that I thought he must be joking," Walsh said. "It was just so hard for me to believe. I never did any of those things for recognition; it was always just to do something for the kids who were playing. I loved going to the games and I loved doing whatever I could for the (entire) program."

Walsh may not have wanted recognition, but it was impossible for others not to recognize what he had done for Wilmington High for so many years making him a very deserving member of this class, who were all officially inducted on Saturday night at the Hillview Country Club.

Walsh's involvement with WHS athletics started in 1988 when his son Dennis



(Class of '91) was playing for the Wildcats Varsity Football team. While attending one of Dennis's games, he noticed one of the other parents recording the game on a camcorder. He was intrigued ... and a little confused.

"I didn't even know what a camcorder was, but he explained it to me and I thought it sounded pretty good, so that week I went out and bought this bulky old thing and started filming the games," Tom Walsh recalled.

The rest, as they say, is history. As the season progressed, other parents noticed what he was doing and asked Tom if he could make copies for them. Word had spread to head coach Ed Harrison and he asked Tom if he could have a copy of the game film to show the team. Harrison liked what he saw so much that he asked Walsh if he could film all of the games for the

ent with the camcorder continued to grow, and in the coming weeks one of the team parents suggested that

he approach WCTV to see if they were interested in broadcasting the team's games on the local cable station.

Soon enough, the guy who didn't know what a camcorder was just a few weeks earlier, was not only filming the games for WCTV, but also providing play by play and color commentary, while also being his own director.

"It got to the point where I was always trying to get the best angles and trying to make it better all the time," Walsh said. "Finally I decided that the best angle I could get was on top of the press box. It was a great view, but that thing would sway like crazy."

Thankfully for everyone, Walsh did not meet an untimely end up there on top of the press box, and he continued in that role for the next 22 years, bringing the sights and sounds of Wilmington High Football to

home and road games, missing just one game during all those years.

Walsh hated missing that

one game, which came back in 1996, but it also led to one of his greatest memories during his time with the Wildcats. He was forced to miss the game because he was in hospitalized after having a procedure. The procedure was done on a Friday, and with the Wildcats playing Ipswich on Saturday, Walsh sat stewing in his hospital room, lamenting missing the game. But his spirits were immediately raised by some very special visitors.

"(Head coach) Bob Almeida and the whole team, including the cheerleaders came to my room to visit," Walsh recalled fondly. "It was really incredible. They gave me the game football which said Wilmington 14, Ipswich 0, and they had all signed it. It was the best gift they ever could have given me. I don't know how Bob pulled that off, getting them all in that room like that, but it meant so much to me."

During his time at WCTV, Walsh was introduced to a young high school student, Chris Cassidy. He offered to edit the games for Walsh inside the WCTV studios, before the two became an incredible team for many years on hand for so many memorable football and basketball games, wins and championship titles.

"It's definitely a fitting tribute for the Wilmington High School Hall of Fame to honor all of Tom's hard work and dedication to Wildcat sports over the years," said Cassidy, who is now a reporter for the Boston Herald. "He will always be THE VOICE of Wildcat Football. You could always sense the excitement of a close game or a big touchdown when he did

play-by-play."

Cassidy said there were a few games or a few of Walsh's calls that will always stand out.

"When Wilmington beat Tewksbury on Thanksgiving Day in 1999, you would have thought it was the Miracle on Ice, the Red Sox winning the 2004 World Series and the Patriots' first Super Bowl win -- all in one -- he got so excited," said Cassidy with a laugh. "He really loved following the team each week and capturing the spirit of the entire game, whether it was the football team itself, the band, the cheerleaders, or the crowd."

While Walsh's play-by-play calling was second to none, the dedication and loyalty he displayed to the athletic programs, but more importantly the people who couldn't make the games live, was impeccable.

"Also, just as a public service, Tom's videotaping the games for WCTV meant that a much larger audience could see the football games each week and I think it helped build some excitement for the program, not to mention allow parents or grandparents who might not be able to get to the games to still see them play," said Cassidy. "I know at least a few players used our footage to send to scouts to possibly play college football."

Walsh covered over 200 varsity football games over his 22 years before making the move inside the press box when Harrison, the Wilmington Athletic Director, at the time, asked him to become the team's public address announcer in 2010. Walsh filed that role just as admirably as all the others until he finally hung up the old microphone for good in 2015.

"I really enjoyed doing the PA," Walsh said. "I felt like I had really hit the big time when Ed asked me to do that."

Walsh's support of Wilmington High did not end with the football team, as he was also very involved with basketball teams, covering both varsity girls' and boys' games along with play by play announcer Paul Cardello for the boys games and Paul Curtin for the girls games.

Later, Walsh moved to the scorer's table to run the clock and scoreboard for some basketball games. He continued in this capacity for several years following.

With the combination of football and basketball games, Walsh is estimated to have covered over 500 total games for the Wildcats, and he loved doing every one of them.

"I honestly felt like I was doing something positive for the teams and for the community," Walsh said. "It was really a great experience. I loved going to the games, and I loved doing it for the kids who were working so hard for the school. It was really a lot of fun, and I loved being a part of it."

On Saturday night, with his family -- including his daughter Sheila who flew in from Texas just to be a part of the special night -- Tom Walsh is now a WHS Hall of Famer.

"Tom is also one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet and was a great role model to me when I was in high school. We had a lot of fun covering the games, and I learned a lot. He absolutely deserves to be in the Hall of Fame," said Cassidy.

Jamie Pote contributed to this report.



# Wildcats '61 Football team certainly a Hall of Fame group

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NORTH READING - Prior to this past Saturday night, only six teams in the history of the Wilmington High School Football program had been inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Before a sold-out crowd at the Hillview Country Club, the 1961 team rightfully became the seventh team to make the elite status dating back to the program's first year of existence in 1935.

The 1961 team, coached by Fred Bellissimo, was led by its four captains Ed Woods, Rick Froton, Kevin Field and Dave Fuller. The team finished 8-0-1 and captured the Lowell Suburban League Championship Title.

That season was the start of pure dominance by the 'Cats, who went on to finish 9-0 in 1962 winning another league title, before moving to the Merrimack Valley Conference and capturing league titles in 1964, 1967, 1968 and then 1972, the fifth title in 11 seasons.

While the achievement of finishing 8-0-1 on the season, including the league championship title was impressive enough, this roster was completely loaded with tremendous talent including two current WHS Hall of Fame Coaches in Bellissimo and assistant at the time John Ritchie, as well as ten individuals who are currently enshrined into the Hall including Dicky Allard, Jack Bowen, Peter Emery, Billy Ritchie, Field, Froton, Jim Gillis, Keith Arnold, Jon Fairfield and Woods.

In the team's nine games, the Wildcats outscored their opponents 171-54, including posting shut outs over Billerica, Bedford and North Reading, while giving up eight points or less in all but one game, the 18-18 tie against Chelmsford.

On the season, Wilmington defeated Burlington (30-8), Billerica (12-0), Bedford (20-0), Dracut (14-6), tied Chelmsford, then topped North Andover (26-6), North Reading (19-0), Lynnfield (14-8) and Tewksbury (18-6).

When the season had ended, Woods was named to the All-Scholastic Class C team, following in the footsteps of his two brothers Leo and Joe, who were both part of the 1939 and 1948 league championship teams. Fairfield was named a reserve on the All-Scholastic team, and both Bowen and Field were named to the Boston Herald All-Scholastic Honorable Mention team. Bowen was given the William F. Casey Memorial Award as the team's Most Outstanding Player of the Year, coming as a junior.

This was also the first unbeaten season for Bellissimo and followed later in his career with three additional undefeated seasons.

The Wildcats started off the season with the 30-8 road victory against Burlington, and did it without Field, who was injured. Wilmington trailed 8-3 at halftime with Froton supplying the only points on a 21-yard field goal. In the second half, the Cats offense exploded with touchdowns by Frank Munroe, Bowen (24-yard run) and Bob O'Leary (47-yard-run).

The next contest was a home game against Billerica in front of 2,400 fans. Fields returned to the line-up but played just on offense, splitting duties at end with Billy Cotter. The scores came from Munroe and then Fields, who caught a pass from QB Allard, but the team's defense was the story of this win. Nose guard Albie Hall recovered two fumbles and Woods intercepted a pass late in the game with the Indians driving.

With the 2-0 start, Wilmington continued to dominate, this time a 20-0 win over Bedford. Fields scored two touchdowns, including a 65-yard punt return, then on a pass from

Allard. O'Leary had the other TD, a 22-yard run.

The next opponent was Dracut, the reigning Suburban League Champions and were led by legendary coach Ed Murphy. Wilmington relied on its running game as Bowen had over 100 yards rushing and scored a touchdown, while Allard scored the other one. Froton was tremendous in all phases of the kicking game, and defensively Woods had an interception and was part of stopping the Middies from scoring late in the game. Dracut had managed three first downs and moved the ball to the Wilmington 35, before being stopped on fourth down coming with 40 seconds left in the game.

The fifth game was the tie with Chelmsford. This was a tough one for the 'Cats to swallow. Wilmington had a 12-0 lead after the first quarter and an 18-0 lead before Chelmsford scored three touchdowns in the final three minutes of the game to come back and have the game end in a tie. Allard and Bowen scored on rushing touchdowns, before Woods added a 50-yard interception return for the third score.

While Chelmsford presented all kinds of problems for Wilmington's defense, the week six opponent North Andover came into 'Cats territory led by an outstanding running back named Gus Moynihan, who had scored 34 points in his previous four games. While he managed to finish with 138 rushing yards, Wilmington's ground game between Munroe, McLaughlin and Bowen combined for 380 rushing yards, led by an incredible performance by the entire offensive line, especially Woods who was unstoppable in this contest.

Allard had a very strong game rushing in the first score, while also adding a TD pass to Fields, which was described as 'the catch of the year, diving horizontally' and a two-point conversion pass to Fields. Bowen scored the last TD on a 65-yard run.

Defensively, Fairfield recovered a fumble and Cotter had an interception.

After a 19-0 win over North Reading, Wilmington took on Lynnfield and the 'Cats gave the Pioneers their first loss against a Class C or D team in the previous 17 games. Fuller came through with a huge defensive tackle, nullifying a score from the one-yard line.

Wilmington went up 14-0 on touchdowns by Allard on a QB sneak, behind the hole created by Fairfield and Hall, and then a rush by Bowen, and Allard to Field connection on the conversion pass.

Lynnfield cut the deficit to 14-8 and very late in the game the Pioneers were driving. They had the ball in the Wilmington 13 and the team's running back Frank Berardino - who the year earlier finished with 120 points on the season, ranking him second all-time in the history of the program - took the ball and crossed the goal line, but apparently the referees blew the whistles right before that to end the play, thus nullifying the touchdown. Berardino then lost his cool, and was penalized 15 yards. Lynnfield then had one final chance, but Fields intercepted a pass to seal the victory.

Wilmington closed out the season with an 18-6 win over Tewksbury in "The Mud Bowl Game," which gave the 'Cats the league championship title. Gillis, a sophomore, was named the Game's Most Outstanding Player.

The members of the team includes (with their jersey number): Billy Ritchie (10), Peter Emery (11), Charles Ravagni (12), Billy Cotter (13), David Babine (14), Frank McLaughlin (15), Paul Currier (16), David Fuller (17/45), Joe Brewster (18), Jeff Williamson (19), Mike Masse (20), Ken

Sugarman (21), Tommy Grant (22), Jimmy Gillis (23), Frank Munroe (24), Al Hall (25), Ricky Froton (26), Kevin Fields (27), Danny Moeglin (28), Mike Farrell (29), Jimmy Newhouse (30), Richard Page (31) and Keith Arnold (32);

Also, John Robbins (33), Ted McCormack (34), Gary Phillips (35), John Bevilacqua (36), Joe Gray (37), Ed Woods (38), Jon Fairfield (39), Ed Langone (40), Bill Ballou (41), Bob O'Leary (42), Frank Perdicaro (43), Pat Lippiello (44), Jack Bowen (46), Dicky Allard (47), Mike Burns (48), Ron Popa (49), Mike Anderson (50), Cliff Huston (51), Ken Butler (52), Jack Baldwin (53), Al Cuoco (54), Cory Coombs (55) and Steve Billings (56).

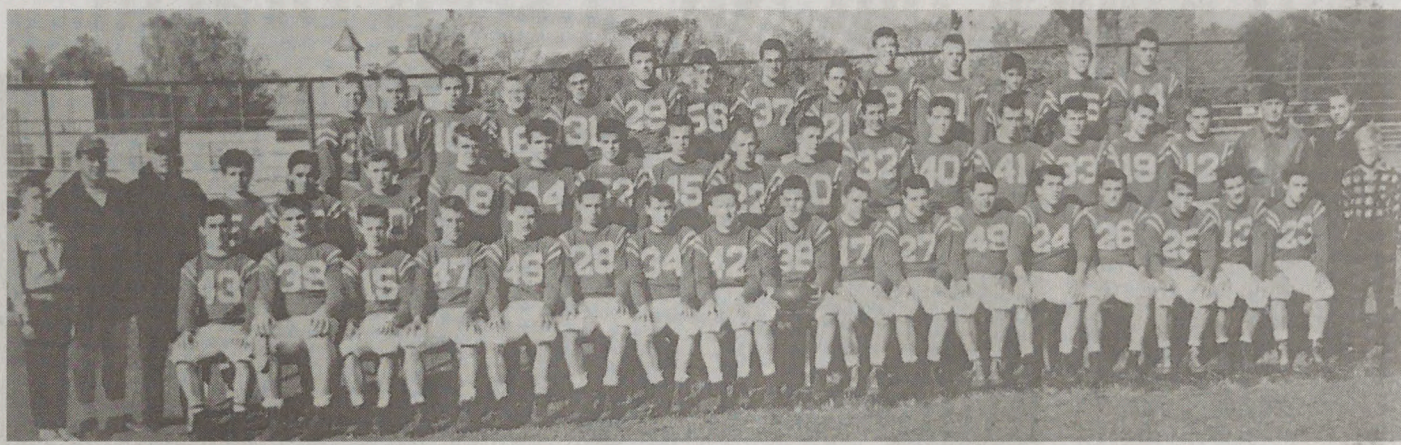
Also a part of the team was 15-year-old freshman Brandon Crawford, who had polio and was the team's No.



On Saturday night, the 1961 WHS Varsity Football team was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Above are the members who took part in the festivities including front row from left Kevin Field, Eddie Woods, Frank Munroe and Jack Bowen and back row from left, Frank McLaughlin, Ed Langone, Cliff Huston and Bill Ballou. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

1 fan, in attendance of every game.

In next week's edition, the 1998 Baseball team will be featured, which will conclude the Hall of Fame write-ups.



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The WHS Girls Soccer team had their successful season come to an end on Monday night with a loss to Danvers in the state tournament. This year's team includes front row from left: Jocelyn Palmer, Ginamarie Mastroilli, Dorothea Alberti, Cassidy Collins, Victoria Sheehan, Olivia Rourke, Kayla Bourrell, and Alyssa Bernazani; second row from left, Jessica Wargo, Hailey Collins, Alyssa Morrison, Jessie McCullough, Alyson Colantuoni, Annie Wingate, and Madison Grace; third row from left, Amber Flynn, Victoria Gemellaro, Jenna Sweeney, Samantha Papastathis, Alyssa Granara and Audrey Curdo; Back row includes from left, Kaitlyn Maguire, Amanda Broussard and Kali Almeida, and then Assistant Coach Shane Klighman. Missing from photo head coach Sue Hendee. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Wildcats pull out first round upset and knock out No. 5 seed Dracut

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LOWELL - Between last Thursday and the morning and early afternoon on Friday, the original time and location of the first round playoff game between Wilmington and Dracut changed three times. The was supposed to be played at the very narrow Dracut High Field, but due to the weather conditions, the field was unplayable, thus the contest was shifted to the UMass Lowell Field and pushed back two hours.

Wilmington certainly didn't frown when the announcement came that the game was being shifted to the extremely wide collegiate level field. That way, the Wildcats could utilize their speed, all the while hopefully avoid Dracut's strategy of pulling the off-sides trap, which they have executed so frequently against a number of teams on their own turf during its 1-3-3 mark from the regular season.

Freshman Alyssa Granara scored the first goal, only to see Dracut tie it up before the end of the first half. Then senior Alyssa Bernazani tallied the game winner coming off a set play with 22 minutes left in the game. From there the No. 12 seed Wildcats packed the team in like sardines to nullify any space for the Dracut players to maneuver with the ball and set up offensive chances and that was enough for Wilmington to hang on with the 2-1 victory. "I saw some film on (Dracut) when they played Chelmsford," said head coach Sue Hendee. "I knew that they had some speed up top, they were a very physical team and their keeper is outstanding."

Dracut's goalie Brooke Boormeester will be headed to play at Sienna College next fall. She led an extremely stingy Middies defensive unit throughout the entire season and it remained that way through the first 15 minutes or so.

"I thought we started off a little bit up in the air as the ball wasn't really controlled (by us), but I think we quickly adapted," said Bernazani. "We knew that they were going to pull an off-sides trap so I think after we adjusted to that, we did our best to either find the outside channels that were



Wilmington's Cassidy Collins clears past Danvers player Arianna Bezanson the ball during Monday night's loss. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

there or dribble through (the defenders) ourselves and that all seemed to work really well. I think we also played with some high intensity, and more than they did, and ultimately that's why we won."

Wilmington's offense was able to crack that strong wall in the 18th minute of the game.

"I saw Alyssa (Granara) open but it was tough to see at that time if she was off-sides so that's why my first touch to her (wasn't as hard of a pass)," explained Bernazani. "The ball went through in the air and she got it. She went through the defense, they tried to stab at her, she got through them, then hit the post on her shot, and then ran to it and tapped it in."

The score remained 1-0 until Dracut tied it up with just seconds left in the first half.

The second half became extremely physical on both sides, and a foul against Dracut set up a free kick with less than 23 minutes left in the game.

"Cassidy Collins took the free kick and the ball was tipped off someone's head, and then it hit off Madison (Grace's) foot and I was there to tap it in," said Bernazani. "Their goalie is very good. She is going to Sienna next year. We needed to hit both posts to get both

of our goals."

Throughout the entire game, Wilmington had scoring flurries one after the other. The off-sides trap was hurting those chances early on, before the 'Cats mixed things up and made some really nice runs and had a number of criss-cross and lateral passes to set up additional scoring chances.

"Being creative up top (was part of our plan)," said Bernazani. "We had to pass the ball laterally because any kind of straight ball, (Boormeester) is going to come out and pick up because she's so good."

Despite holding back and playing a defensive style after grabbing the lead, Wilmington still had a number of threats over the final 15 minutes or so.

"Honestly, they don't really play a trap but they play their (defenders) really high and we did not do a good job of being aware of where we are on the field. We had six or seven off-side calls against us which were just silly," said Hendee. "For the last fifteen minutes, we just packed everyone in and they did a really nice job of that. We just beat them to the ball in the last fifteen minutes. It was nice to see that kind of (play from us)."

Granara proved to be a pain in Dracut's side all night, using her speed and moves to shift past defend-

ers on multiple occasions.

"Alyssa has great one-to-one moves and great speed," said Hendee. "I knew that our speed up top would create some problems for them and we are pretty quick up top. They are strong and physical in their back."

While Granara made her presence felt, so did Grace, who was strong throughout the game.

"Madison Grace played the best game I have ever seen her play," said Hendee. "As a team, we played smart and together, but we also played with intensity. I think the girls had something to prove after that Stoneham loss."

Wilmington also proved on the UML Field that it deserved this victory - although the outcome could have been much different had the had game stayed at DHS.

"Without question (we benefited)," said Hendee. "We also had the advantage because we played and practiced on the turf all season. I understand that the wanted to play at home and I get that and they had every right too but the field conditions were awful. We were definitely challenged in this game more and once we came out, we just got things going together and then we just dominated."

## 'Cats get washed out in D2 Quarterfinals

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stingy defensive group didn't allow the Wildcats to have any legitimate scoring chances, until the final minute of the game with one shot going wide, missing the inside post.

"I loved the way we defended. The back four were fantastic," Hinchion said to the Salem News. "Wilmington played us hard. They were what we expected, a tough team coming out of a good league, and it was a matter of us settling in there in the second half."

Wilmington junior keeper Alyssa Morrison had one of her stronger games of the season making 11 saves, including an absolute gem on a rocket off the foot of Lauren Clement, coming early in the second half when the game was still scoreless.

The game ended the careers of ten seniors, which will leave this program, like many others at WHS, with many holes to fill.

"Alyssa Bernazani had a really solid year despite not having great statistics," said Hendee, who spoke about each of the ten seniors. "She was always winning the ball in the middle and starting transition. Cassidy (Collins) was pretty solid back there as a holding mid(fielder). Gina (Mastroilli), I think, came along way. She is very

versatile and I can play her up top, in the middle and I can even play her on defense. She is a smart player, and she definitely improved this season. She had some really nice goals."

"Jocelyn (Palmer) is another kid that has really, really improved and not just being a fast player. She came up from the JV team being a fast player and this year she really proved that she has some really good skills to go along with her speed. Thea (Aliberti) was solid back (on defense) and is a good player in the air and Olivia (Rourke) is a smart, hard-working player and a good kid. Kayla Bourrell is very versatile and she can play offense and defense and scored some goals for us this year."

"Tori Sheehan was just hitting her stride when she got hurt again and the whole team was devastated. She was a source of inspiration for the us the entire season. And then Hailey (Collins) and Jessica (Wargo) were first year varsity members and were just outstanding teammates and they were really, really good about understanding their role on the team. They were really good in supporting their teammates and they went out and played hard."

## Strong debut season for the WMS Football team

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WILMINGTON- In 2017, there was a decline in the number of kids that had interest in playing Pop Warner Football in the town of Wilmington, preventing the school from fielding an 'A' team.

Fast forward one year later, the thought of fielding a middle school football team started to gain traction.

Wilmington Middle School Football began preparing for their inaugural season this past March with hopes of acquiring tons of interest. But even though they were hoping for the best, coach Joseph McCauley did not expect as big a turnout as the one he saw at the informational meeting.

"We had to cap registrants," said McCauley. "We had a full roster of 32 kids. From that point we got accepted into the Eastern Mass Middle School Football League."

The league is set up as a high school feeder program and it's designed for player development. Teams play eight regular season games as well as six JV games and there are no playoffs or championship games. The Wilmington team was able to raise money to cover registration fees and supply all new helmets, shoulder pads and uniforms, as well as bus fees, referee costs and EMT expenses.

From the first official practice on August 20th, it was 'all systems go' for the Wildcats.

"All summer long, we held a free conditioning and skills program for all registered players; we wanted to emulate a high school program and schedule to better prepare the players for the rigors of a high school football," said McCauley.

The Middle School team split into two levels, Varsity and Junior Varsity.

"Due to the large number of players, we opted to have a JV team as well, to play a separate JV schedule which would guarantee the proper development of all the players and allow for a adequate game experience," McCauley said.

Varsity ended with a 6-2 record, while JV ended with an equally impressive 4-2 record.

Key highlights from the season were beating Wilmington's rivals in the Middlesex League, which

included Melrose, Winchester, Arlington, and Woburn.

The offensive side of the ball put up a whopping 215 points led by quarterback Joseph McCauley. McCauley had 16 touchdown passes on the season. Andre Turner, standout running back, had over 15 rushing touchdowns, including a five touchdown game against Saugus.

The leading receiver on the team was Jacob Roque, who had over 50 receptions on the year and eight touchdown receptions.

The defense gave up an astonishingly low 98 points against their opponents. McCauley said the defense was led by the play of middle linebackers Peter LeBlanc, who led the team in tackles, and Joey Kullman. Cornerbacks Jonathan Diplatzi and Dennis McConologue, along with linemen Antonio Smolinsky, Ryan Laroche and Jared Bishop, kept opposing teams to minimum yardage, blanking opponents in several games.

Joe McCauley is hoping to continue to run the Middle School program for years to come in order to develop these players to be ready to play for Wilmington High Football.

"We have some great coaches coming up through the system who also plan on being involved," said McCauley.

Coach McCauley would like to thank his assistant coaches, WHS Athletic Director Tim Alberts and countless others for all the continued support and guidance throughout the season.

The middle school team consisted of: Ali Aboukal, Braedon Almas, Mantvydas Banevicius, Jared Bishop, Leo Carroll, Owen Cushing, Jonathan Diplatzi, Nathan Ford, Nojus Giniotas, Lucas Gorham, Nick Iacone, Michael Ings, Kevin Kane, Bryan Keohan, Nathan Keohan, Joey Kullman, Ryan Laroche, Joseph LeBlanc, Peter LeBlanc, Aiden Macleod, Jason Marrone, Joseph McCauley, Dennis McConologue, Dempsey Murphy, Kurtis Powers, Clyde Roberts, Jacob Roque, Antonio Smolinsky, Ashton Stalker, Andre Turner, Ryan Watson, and Owen White.

Cushing, Diplatzi, Kullman, McCauley, Ford, Roque and Turner served as captains.



The Wilmington Middle School Football team recently completed its successful first-season.

(courtesy photo).



# Shawsheen Rams Football team continues to struggle offensively and to stay healthy

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WILMINGTON - For the second week in a row, the Shawsheen Tech Football team faced an opponent from the powerful Northeast Conference, and for the second week in a row, Shawsheen put up a quite a fight, battling their opponents evenly for most of the game, with their defense keeping the injury depleted Rams in the game.

Unfortunately once again for the Rams, they were unable to generate any offense, trailing 6-0 at the half on their way to a 21-6 loss to Salem High School in this Division 6 non-playoff matchup at Cassidy Field at the Charles H. Lyons Athletic Complex.

After suffering a 15-0 loss to Winthrop last week, the Rams were once again held without an offensive touchdown, scoring their only touchdown on Friday night via special teams, on an 80-yard kickoff return by freshman Dylan Timmons of Wilmington with less than two minutes left in the game.

With the loss, Shawsheen fell to 3-6 on the season, while Salem improved to 5-4.

Shawsheen trailed just 6-0 at the half, but Salem pulled away in the second half, extending their lead to 14-0 midway through the third quarter and making it 21-0 with two minutes left in the contest.

"It's frustrating right now," Shawsheen coach Al Costabile said. "We just haven't been able to get anything going offensively. But we just have to keep working hard. Just keep working hard. That is all we can do right now."

Neither team could get much going offensively in the early going, but Salem got the first break of the game when Shawsheen lined up to punt early in the second quarter only to see the snap sail over the punter's head, giving the Witches a first and goal at the Shawsheen ten yard line.

Three plays later, the

Witches broke the scoreless tie on a four-yard run by sophomore running back Sam-Lauren O'Furie for a 6-0 lead after the Rams blocked the extra point attempt with 9:48 left in the first half.

The score would remain the same through the second quarter, with the Rams defense coming up with some big plays, including an interception by junior defensive back Josiah Martinez of Wilmington and a big sack by senior defensive end Frank Irizarry of Wilmington on the final play of the first half.

While the Rams were able to stifle the Salem offense in the first half, the Witches wasted little time in extending their lead in the second half. After holding Shawsheen to a three and out on the opening possession of the half, Salem took full advantage of their first possession of the half, marching 68 yards seven plays, capping off their drive with another O'Furie touchdown run, this time from seven yards out to make to make the score 14-0 with 5:32 left in the third quarter after a Chris Ngarambe two point conversion rush.

The Rams were victimized by some poor tackling on the drive, allowing Salem to extend it and eventually score.

"At times we played really tough on defense," Costabile said. "But at times we made some mistakes. We need consistency. We have to find it on both offense defense. We show it at times, more on defense, but on offense our blocking has to get better. That is the heart and soul of football, blocking and tackling. And both of those things we could have done better tonight."

The Rams had a great chance to get on the board on the ensuing possession, marching from their 30-yard line to the Salem one yard line on the strength of completions from senior quarterback CJ Zemetres of Tewksbury to junior tight end Connor Rooney of Wilmington, junior tight end

Santino Garofalo Tewksbury and Martinez. The Rams couldn't punch it in however, with both Timmons and Zemetres being stopped just short of the end zone on successive plays.

Salem would extend their lead to 21-0 with 1:56 left in the game on a two yard run by Ngarambe, capping off an eight play, 80-yard drive to for all intents and purpose ice the game for the Witches.

There was still one highlight left for the Rams, however, as Timmons hauled in the ensuing kickoff at the Shawsheen 20-yard line, skillfully followed his blockers through the first wave of Salem defenders and then turned on the jets to out race everyone to the end zone for the first varsity touchdown of the freshman's career.

"That was a great play," Costabile said. "He's got a lot of promise. He hit that seam, and he went north-south. He ran with determination and it showed."

If Timmons and the defense were the good news for the Rams, the bad news continues to be the numerous injuries to key players, including starters like defensive tackle Omar Eldaly of Wilmington, wide receiver Ryan Quinones and running back Diondre Turner among many others. Costabile has never been one to make excuses, but even had to acknowledge the toll the injuries are starting to take on his team.

"It's really taken a toll on us, because we weren't that deep to begin with," Costabile said. "So it was a year where we really had to stay healthy and it has been just the opposite."

The Rams will wrap up the non-playoff portion of their schedule on Friday night when they travel to Georgetown for a 5:00 pm kickoff. The Royals will bring a 3-6 record into Friday's contest, having lost six games in a row, including a 49-6 loss last week to St. Mary's and a 40-27 loss to Ipswich the week before.

## Lynn Classical edges out the other Rams in D3 North match-up

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WILMINGTON - Heading into the season, hopes were not exactly high for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer team, at least for anybody outside of the Rams locker room. While the Rams themselves may have had confidence in themselves, outsiders looked at a team that had lost 12 seniors off of last year's 7-8-2 squad that had qualified for the post season, and expected some definite regression.

Instead, however, the Rams did just the opposite, actually improving on last season's record to finish 9-5-4 in the regular season and earn the 12th seed in the Division 4 North Tournament.

Unfortunately for the Rams, they saw their great season come to an end Sunday night with a loss to No. 5 seed Lynn Classical on Sunday night at Manning Field in the first round of

the tournament, eliminating them from post season play and ending their season with a record of 9-6-4.

In a battle of the Rams, the Rams from Lynn Classical got the game winning goal on a corner kick when Ayman Al-Abasi completed the corner started by Kevin Molina-Orelana with 21:42 left in the game.

Playing well for Shawsheen were senior goalie Mike Reppucci of Tewksbury, along with fellow seniors Jared Rizzo of Tewksbury, Gavin Pigott, Jason Myers and Jose Cruz.

"The team exceeded many expectations this season," Shawsheen coach Tom Severo said. "We had lost 12 seniors and everyone figured we would have a down year, but we have talented players who got their chance to shine and took advantage of it."

Playing a particularly big role for the Rams this season were there four senior captains, Pigott, Reppucci,

Myers and Cruz, along with Rizzo, who was the team's leading scorer.

"They were fantastic," Severo said. "Gavin was high energy all over the field, indefatigable, Mike Reppucci was Mr. Steady in net, very solid, strong every game. Jason Myers was outstanding always giving us a scoring threat and coming back to help get the ball up and Jose Cruz was ferocious, constantly coming up with big defensive plays."

Severo was not about to forget Rizzo's contribution to the team's success, not just this season, but throughout his career.

"Add to that senior Jared Rizzo, our leading scorer who struck late in many games to make the difference," Severo said. "These boys were committed to our program and left a large and positive legacy here for the underclassmen to emulate. I will miss them very much. They were a joy to coach."

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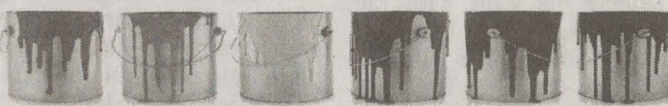
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Former TMHS Baseball player helped Rockies into playoffs once again

# Oberg produced his best season yet in the Majors

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Back in late March, the Town Crier reached out to Scott Oberg and wrote about how he made the Colorado Rockies Opening Day roster for the first time in his four-year professional career. It was a pretty big milestone for Oberg, who back in October of 2017, was coming off a sensational playoff appearance where he struck out both Paul Goldschmidt and now current Boston Red Sox slugger JD Martinez in the team's loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

After making the Opening Day roster, what transpired over the next seven months for Oberg is something he probably never dreamt of possibly happening when the Spring Training season came to a close.

From the end of March to October 7th when the season finally ended when the Rockies were swept by the Brewers in the NL Division Series, Oberg went from making the opening day roster, to being sent down to Triple-A for five weeks only to return for a short while before getting injured while lifting weights. After a short stint on the disabled list, he came back and was one of the most dominating relief pitchers in all of baseball. He emergence as a legitimate set-up man ignited a struggling bullpen and helped the Rockies qualify for post-season play for the second straight year. The Rockies competed in six games in eight days, through four different cities with Oberg pitching in every game.

Throughout the season he came through with so many clutch performances leading to critical victories for Colorado. He was the center of attention during a game with the Padres when the benches cleared, but no punches were thrown. He almost had his head taken off on a scary line drive back to the box, he gave up a three-run homer to Yasiel Puig, in a critical game in September, only to come back three weeks later and strike out all four batters he faced in the 12th and 13th innings to become the game's winning pitcher as the Rockies defeated the Cubs, 2-1, in an absolute epic extra-inning wild card play-off game, the longest win-or-go-home post-season game in MLB history.

And inbetween all of that, he and wife Diana became proud parents for the first time.

It certainly was a year to remember for the former Tewksbury Memorial High School star pitcher, who just 20 days after throwing his final pitch of the season, stood before a crowd at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks giving an acceptance speech as one of the new inductees into the TMHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Town Crier caught up with Oberg after the season and before the Hall of Fame ceremony for an extensive interview of everything that did transpire in his professional and personal life over the spring and summer months.

## OFF TO ARIZONA

Just five months after his post-season debut against the Diamondbacks last year, Oberg and the Rockies opened this season back in the hot-state. The Rockies were defeated 8-2, and Oberg made his 2018 debut tossing two-thirds of an inning, giving up a hit and a walk, but striking out a pair of hitters.

He followed that up with several other solid performances before he hit a big road block towards the end of the month, really struggling including a terrible outing against the Padres where he gave up five earned runs and recorded just one out.

"Going through April, in the beginning it felt like I was throwing the ball pretty well," said Oberg. "In the

first couple of weeks it felt like I was having some bad luck with some hits, (and opponents) cashing in on (knocking in) inherited runners. That kind of snowballed a little bit and I started to give up a little bit more harder contact and then led into the San Diego game where it was kind of like a combination of a lot of things. I felt like I had some bad luck in that outing with a couple of weak contact hits and then I hurt myself by walking a few guys. It was one of those games things felt like they were coming off the tracks a little bit."

That was the worst outing of Oberg's career. The following day, he was summoned to Manager Bud Black's Office. Although that was a difficult pill to swallow at the time, the move turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the right-hander.

"They sent me down (to Triple-A) and when I got down there, I had a couple of conversations with the manager Glenallen Hill," said Oberg. "We were talking about my fastball usage, and just bouncing different ideas off of each other. He suggested that I go out to a Dick's Sporting Goods store and buy a home plate. I went out, bought one and ended up using it for all of my flat-ground (work) because I really wanted to hone in the glove-side fastball and make sure that becomes a priority and something I could repeat on a regular basis moving forward. So what ended up happening was I went out, got this plate and basically started using it almost everyday unless I had an extensive workload."

"In those those five weeks that I was down, I was understanding myself a little bit better, relooking at things and trying to figure out and understand that this is the fourth year in a row (I've been sent down to Triple-A) and the old formula is not working so we're going to have to change something or I might be at my house (and out of baseball) pretty soon."

"I think Hill giving me those few suggestions and just kind of revamping some things (helped me). (What also helped me was) having better self-awareness in games that way I can make quicker adjustments on the fly and I can remain calm in some adverse situations. I really utilized the full five weeks that I was down there. It was probably the most productive weeks I had throughout the entire year just in terms of what ended up transpiring throughout the rest of the season."

During his stint with the Albuquerque Isotopes, Oberg worked on a number of things. Certainly the plate helped him get that glove-side fastball in tip-top form, but he also made other adjustments with his arsenal of pitches. He was recalled on May 28th.

"To me the big fundamental difference was just making the switch from throwing a lot of heavy two-seam fastballs to more four-seam fastballs," he said. "I remember I came into a game with a runner on against the Giants. My fastball was a little erratic to start and I ended up giving up a double, so they had runners at second and third with one out. I ended up pitching out of the situation. That to me was like 'OK that was a close call, and we can't have these situations and nail-biters like that anymore'. We just had to go out there, put our foot down and it can't be just getting through the skin of our teeth kind of thing."

"It was a nice outing to come back from because everytime you come back up (from the minor leagues) it's not just about making the pitching adjustments, but I went from pitching in front of 2,500 to 3,000 people every night to now I'm pitching in front of 35,000 people every night again. The lighting is different, the stadium is different and it's like 'OK,

we have to bare down here and we can't be giving away pitches'. That was one of the things I was able to take away from that particular outing. Following all of the work that I had previously done, it was like we need a sense of urgency everytime I go out on the mound because you don't know what exactly is going to happen so let's make sure that we leave it all out on the field."

Just 13 days later, Oberg strained his lower back while lifting weights. He was placed on the DL on June 10th. Twelve days later, he was sent back to the Isotopes but this time on a rehab assignment and was back up - this time for good - with the Rockies on June 27th.

## ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

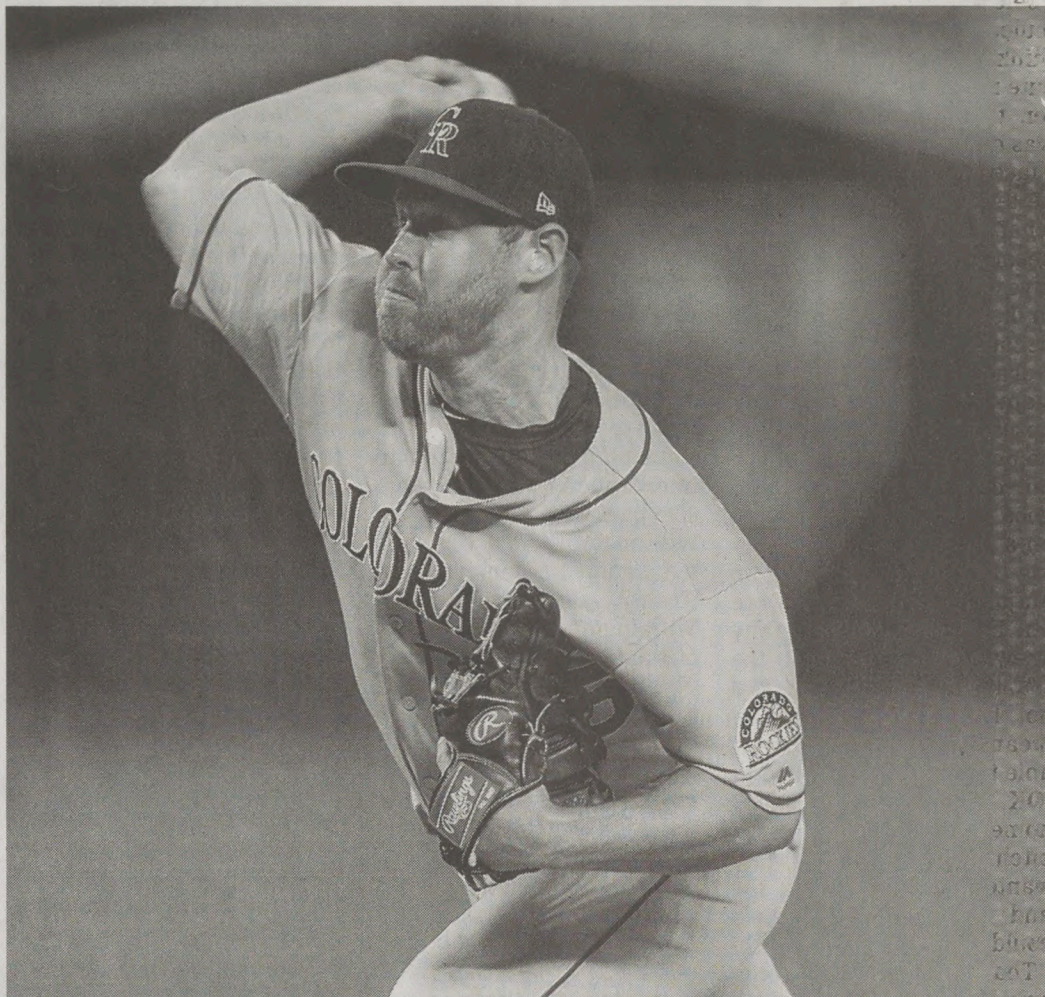
When Oberg came off the disabled list, he started to string together a few solid outings. While he had made the adjustments with his pitches and mechanics, he also took a much different mental approach the rest of the way. He picked up his pace on the mound, and in particular inbetween pitches. Very rarely did he shake off the catcher. He also went to some of his bullpen mates for some assistance.

"I had always talked to (Adam) Ottavino about pitch sequence and thoughts on hitters, but it only went so far because of the way he pitches (compared to me)," said Oberg about his close friend, who pitched at Northeastern University. "When you watch (closer) Wade Davis, the way he throws, his cutter and slider are somewhat similar (to mine) just slightly different angles and I think he uses them in similar points of at-bats. I would end up watching his fastball and his cutter. I started to really pick his brain about when he would use it, why he would use it and what he was looking for with certain batters. He's a really intelligent guy when it comes to his craft, so it was really nice to not only make some adjustments on my own in terms of what I was doing with the movement of my pitches within a game, but also understanding how they can play off each other and when to utilized them."

"I think (my resurgence) was a combination of a lot of things coming together all at once and just really taking off. Then it seemed like every outing (from that point on) my in-game awareness continued to rise to a point that I felt like I could sense what a guy might be sitting on, if he might swing at a certain part of the count, or what side of the plate he was looking for (the next pitch), or whatever it may be. I felt like I was able to dive deeper into the at-bats and it just opened my eyes and made things a little bit easier. The only thing I was worried about was the execution of the pitch. Everything else seemed to have gone away except the one thing I was truly caring and worrying about was if I executed my pitch. If I did, then I know whatever else happens after that, I can live with because I felt like I could use my fastball on either side of the plate, I could put my slider where I want to. It was coming down to did I put the pitch where I wanted to."

While he did ask for suggestions from the team's new closer and others, Oberg also went back to the basics.

"I think I did a good job of recognizing what I needed to do. Another lightbulb went off," he said. "I was looking at my (statistics) and I was looking at my WHIP category, basically how many hits I was giving up per inning pitch and was about a 1-to-1 ratio so if I could stop walking people, they would probably stop scoring because I was really only giving up one hit per inning. If I don't put anyone else on base they won't score any runs. If I put



Former Tewksbury High standout pitcher Scott Oberg, shown here throwing a pitch for the Rockies, was one of the top relievers in MLB throughout the second half of the season. (courtesy photo/Matt Dirksen- Colorado Rockies)

the lead-off guy on base, then they hit a double, there's a run.

"Going back to the pace part, because I was starting to get into a groove with understanding what I wanted to do, having my delivery where I wanted it to be at, everything was able to get dictated based off on how I was feeling. Maybe I was doing it without even recognizing it just because I was ready to go and it was like 'OK, give me the ball and I'm going to execute this pitch'."

"The only time I felt like I would slow myself down would be when I got a 2-0 count and I would walk off the mound to get away for a quick moment and I would just refocus to make sure we didn't allow this momentum or the emotions of the game dictate what we were trying to do out there. There would be times where I would have to slow the game down and slow my pace down, but outside of those few times, I felt like I could just get up on the mound, get my pitch and go because I was very confident knowing that I had put in all of the work earlier in the day or whenever to be able to execute (my game plan)."

"I was just trying to be smarter than I was in the past and work on things that I needed to do rather than the things I think I need to do. That way when I take the mound all I have to do is lock in on my target and that's really it because everything else has been taken care of and I can just trust myself to physically do what I know that I'm capable of doing. Once I came back up I think I only had five walks the rest of the season."

Oberg went from a month of April where he was 1-0 and a 6.97 ERA, to throwing two games in May and five more in June without giving up an earned run. Then in July, he absolutely took off, going 5-0 with a 1.46 ERA and that carried over to August where he was 1-0 and a 2.45 ERA. He was an important reason why the Rockies go from eight games back in the standings, to being neck-and-neck with both the Dodgers and the Diamondbacks.

## CHARLOTTE'S DAY

On August 14th, Oberg was placed on the three-day paternity list by the Rockies. The team was coming off taking three-out-four games against the Dodgers and were preparing for a seven-game road trip with stops in Houston and Atlanta, but did so without Oberg, who flew back to the couple's home in New Jersey.

"Obviously before the season started, we found out that my wife was pregnant," said Oberg. "She was due in August and we were definitely excited about all of that.

That added its own dynamic to the equation of the whole season because I really didn't get to see my wife that much this season. I saw her a bunch in April and then I only saw her basically once a month thing. I was home for the all-star break but I barely saw her from the end of April until we had the baby."

"We only get three days for paternity leave so I missed the Houston series and I met up with the team in Atlanta. After that series was done, we had an off-day so I flew back home for that one day, and that was the last time I saw my wife and daughter until I came home (after the season had ended)."

Oberg arrived back at their home on Columbus Day, October 8th, a day after the Brewers defeated the Rockies, 6-0.

"(Being a father is) definitely been life-changing and I couldn't be happier," he said. "It was a real joy to be able to get home and see both of my girls. I haven't left the house a whole lot and it's been great trying to make up for some lost time that I missed the first two months of her life. (Charlotte's) doing great and we are really excited. For right now, I could not be happier and it will be a bit of a different off-season for me having the responsibilities of Dad, but obviously you got to continue to do what you need to do for your job and physically get back into the weight room and do all of that."

## THE BACK NINE

After the trip to Atlanta, back to New Jersey for a day, Oberg then met the team back in Colorado for a homestand against the Padres and Cardinals. The Rockies finished 3-3 before losing three of their next four games to close out the month of August with a record of 72-62. The team knew it had a lot of work to do in the final month of the season if it wanted to make the post-season.

"It was (intense)," Oberg responded as matter of factly. "I couldn't definitely feel the intensity of the last part of the season. For me, I almost felt like, they made not have been my best numbers, but I felt like I was throwing the best down the stretch, especially when September came around. I think I appeared in 14 or 15 games in September and I pitched in every playoff game which was great. I just kind of got on a roll and it felt like as the intensity and the pressure of some of those games were building up the course of September, the narrative was we were chasing the Dodgers. We ended up catching them, we take the lead (in the standings) and we fight like heck down the stretch."

"I felt like I continued to

get better after each outing progressed and I continued to feel more comfortable on the mound. I was really looking forward to showing up to the ballpark every single day, knowing I could have an impact on the outcome of the game in a positive way for us. It was really exciting. It was something that I really looked forward to every morning when I woke up and I would start to think about that game, and start to head over to the ballpark."

In the month of September, Oberg appeared in 14 games. In 15.2 innings, he struck out 22 batters. He gave up three earned runs in that time, all coming in one appearance against the Dodgers on the Puig home run. Twelve days before that game, Oberg turned a huge corner in his professional career in another contest against the Dodgers.

"We were in Dodger Stadium and (Kyle) Freeland had started the (September 8th) game for us and the Dodgers had their right-handed hitting line-up going against him," explained Oberg. "I came into the game in the seventh (inning) and they did a complete line shift and they ended up sending up four straight lefties in a row against me."

Oberg faced four left-handed hitters and prior to that he wasn't used against lefties all that much as he had much better success against right-handed hitters. He came in and tossed a scoreless inning, including walking one but striking out the other three.

"It was great (to have retired all four batters) because before it was like 'OK I struggle against left-handed batters'. I ended up facing (Alex) Verdugo, (Cody) Bellinger (who walked), (and then Max) Muncy and (Joc) Pederson. To be able to face four quality left-handed batters, who are all dangerous in the box and who can all hit home runs, to go out there, and throw the way that I did, and strike them all out, to me that was a huge confidence builder in moving forward."

Twelve days later was the other contest with the Dodgers, who had won the first two games of the series. In game three, the game was tied 2-2 in the seventh. Oberg came on and got Pederson to foul out, before giving up a walk to Muncy and a double to Yasmani Grandal setting up second and third with one out. It was expected, on TV anyway, that the Rockies would intentionally walk Puig to set up the force, but the team didn't choose that route.

"The idea was to pitch around him a little bit," said Oberg. "Reading the swing that he had taken from the first pitch, a slider, low

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below the zone, that he fouled it off, I was then thinking that if I could execute my slider a little bit better, then I would be OK. It was one of those things where I faced Yasiel in the past and he tends to tip his hand into what pitch he is sitting on because of the reactions he gives (to previous pitches) in the box after he fouls it off because he is all upset. Normally he pretends to slam his bat, he gets all upset or whatever it is that he does, and in that particular case, I threw a really good pitch and he connected on a pitch that he was looking for and the guy is a Major League Baseball hitter. Even when I threw it, I knew it was a good pitch.

"Like I was saying earlier, not that I didn't care, I don't mean it like that, but I was able to live with the fact that 'OK, I gave up a three-run homer, but I executed the pitch. I put the ball where I wanted to in an 0-1 count and there's nothing else I could do'. That was it."

That was Oberg's first and only loss of the season. After that loss, the Rockies caught fire, winning seven games in a row with a three-game sweep over Arizona which knocked them out of playoff contention, followed by a four-game sweep of the Phillies where they outscored Philly 39-7. Oberg was the winning pitcher in the fourth and final game, which put Colorado at 89-70 with a one-game lead in the NL West standings over the Dodgers.

Just three games were left on the schedule.

"No, I didn't sleep much," he said. "In the entire month of September, we only had two off-days. We started off the end of August, the start of September on a stretch of 14 or 15 game stretch, had an off-day, then a ten-day stretch and on top of that we ended up playing two extra games in a row before we had an extra off day. Pitching all that much, traveling all of that much was just like 'holy cow, this is really a grind right now'. We finished up with Washington and I knew that was going to be a really tough series going into it because they are a really good offensively driven ballclub. We had played really great heading into the series."

The Rockies took two-out-of-three against the Nationals, but the Dodgers swept the San Francisco Giants, meaning the two teams were tied for the Division title after 162 games with the identical 91-71 records.

## 163 AND BEYOND

After defeating the Nationals 12-0 on the final regular season game, the Rockies had to fly to LA for one game, winner takes the Division and loser travels to Chicago for another one-game series the very next day. The Dodgers came out on top 5-2 with Oberg pitching out a jam.

"I came in and we were down 5-0. I give up back-to-back singles and I have no outs with runners at first and third and Manny Machado coming up," he explained. "I just remember being really calm in that moment and being able to

execute four really good pitches. I got a groundball, kept the guy at third base and ended up turning a double-play, and then (Black) brought in Jake McGee to face Grandal right-handed and he struck him out.

"For me to be able to recognize the situation and stay calm in the moment and not give into the situation, and then made really good pitches to Machado was probably up there as one of my better outings on the year just because of the way that particular outing unfolded. It was a nice little trampoline into the playoffs."

After a shower and a quick bite to eat, the team boarded another plane and headed to Chicago.

"We had to turn around right after that, fly another three-to-four hours to Chicago," he said. "We got in around 2:30 in the morning, you get your bags at 3 (am), then you try to get some sleep and luckily it was a night game. That game was crazy because we had never experienced anything quite like that in a while because of the nature of the crowd and the nature of the game. We got to Wrigley and the night before they lost to the Brewers (in the NL Central tiebreaker) so it was an interesting dynamic, interesting drama as you had two 163 games to determine two division titles."

Oberg finished the regular season with an 8-1 record, including a 2.45 ERA. He appeared in 56 games, tossing 58.2 innings, giving up 45 hits, 16 earned runs, four homers, walked 12 and struck out 57. In the previous three seasons, he had marks of 0-1, 4.94, 1-1, 5.19 and 3-4, 5.09.

"His mechanics, his delivery have become really consistent," said Black to Owen Perkins of MLB.com. "You look at the release point, his arm action, he's repeating it. When you repeat natural arm action, you're going to consistently make pitches."

"When (Oberg) misses, the misses are where they're supposed to be. They're close to the strike zone. He's not missing in big ways. He's not trying to throw the ball down and away and he throws it up and in, so his misses are smaller. When you see a pitcher just missing, that's a really good sign. He's around the plate, he's throwing strikes with his fastball, the slider consistency has improved. You combine the velocity that he has and the sharpness to his breaking pitch, you're going to have success."

## ON PINS AND NEEDLES

The Rockies and Cubs met for the one-game wild card playoff to see which team would then fly to Milwaukee.

"Off the start, we really put the pressure on them because we ended up scoring off the third batter of the game - (Charlie) Blackmon walked, (DJ) LeMahieu doubled and (Nolan) Arenado flew out to center to drive in Blackmon, so it was like 'OK great, we have come out, punched them in the face, we got a 1-0 lead, this is great and we're starting to take the crowd out of the game a little bit'. (Cubs pitcher Jon) Lester then settled in and it was just one of

those nailbiting games the whole way out.

"You could really feel it the way the crowd was into every single pitch. You could hear the ups and downs just from the crowd depending if the ball got called a ball or a strike, or if it was a hit. A base hit almost felt like it was a double in the gap just the way the crowd was reacting out there."

After the first inning, Lester and Freeland settled in and both pitched absolute gems. Freeland was lifted after 6.2 innings in favor of Ottavino, who really struggled commanding his pitches early on, eventually giving up a run in the seventh and the game was tied at 1-1.

"It was looking like I was not going to pitch," said Oberg. "We were up 1-0 and Ottavino came in and put himself into a tough spot, but then gets out of a tough spot. He did give up a run and we were tied and at that point, I knew I had the chance to get in but at that point, who knows what's going to happen?"

"Our offense just went away for a bit. Our bats looked tired, our hitters looked tired and the (Cubs) batters didn't look that great (either) at least offensively it looked like they were struggling a little bit. At that point, the line-ups had changed so much so it was completely unrecognizable from the beginning of the game. It just ended up being a weird, wild game."

Three Rockies' relievers followed Ottavino and the game remained tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the 12th.

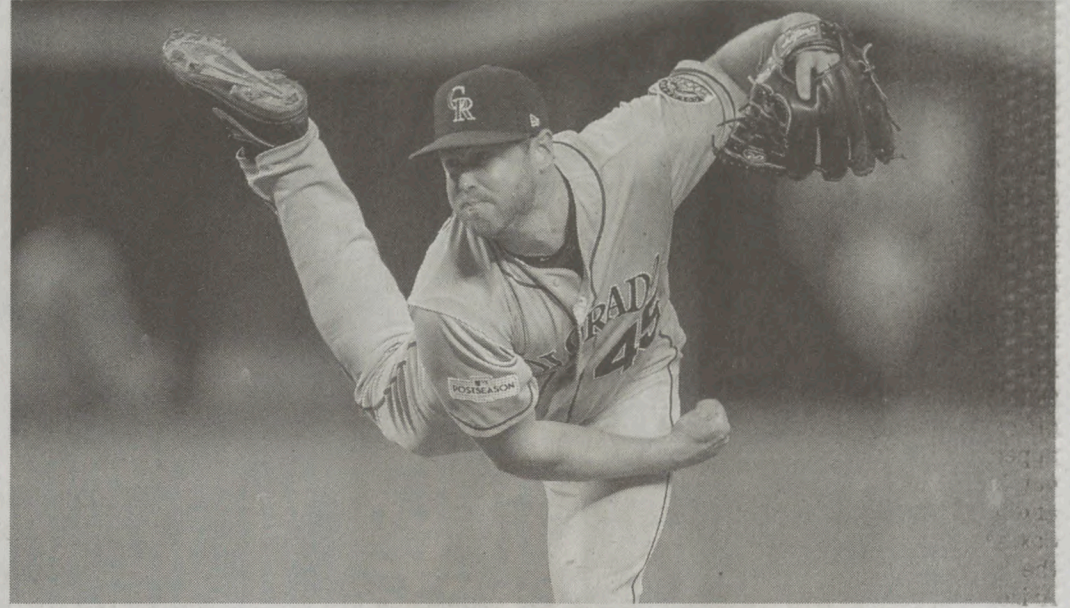
"I was just sitting down there (in the bullpen) like I was on pins and needles," admitted Oberg. "I was pacing, I couldn't sit down and I just kept thinking 'when is it going to be my turn, and when am I going to get to play'. Then finally the phone rings in the 12th (to warm-up). I come in with two outs and face (Kris) Bryant. It was weird because I had only been to Wrigley once prior to that game because I had missed the previous road trips for whatever reason. Getting reacclimated to the atmosphere to that stadium had to be imminent. I didn't have time to waste and because of everything that I had gone through over the course of the season was just like I was able to do enough to allow myself to make my pitches."

Oberg struck out Bryant to end the 12th.

The Rockies then struck gold in the 13th, scoring a run in the most improbable of ways.

"After we scored in the top of the 13th, I had to go back out there (for the bottom half of the inning)," said Oberg. "I was sitting on the bench in a really tight dugout, and all of the positional players and everyone in the dugout were just going absolutely crazy because we finally just broke the 1-1 tie and now we're in the 13th inning. We had gone twelve innings without scoring, and we did it all after two were out. We get a RBI single by the back-up catcher in his first at-bat of the game against Kyle Hendricks."

"It was just one of those head-scratching things and



Scott Oberg in his follow through after unleashing a pitch for the Colorado Rockies. (courtesy photo/Matt Dirksen- Colorado Rockies)

optically, it just felt like a really strange game. I had to keep myself under control. I couldn't get all caught up with the guys on the bench going crazy and then turn around and give up (the lead) myself in the (bottom of the inning). I was just trying to focus on what I had to do."

Oberg then walked out to the mound for the bottom of the 13th inning. Three outs would put the Rockies into the NL Divisional Series against the Brewers.

"I got back out there and it was an interesting inning," he said with a chuckle. "Terrance Gore was the first batter and my fastball had a little bit of more life to it than normal and what I was expecting because at that moment I had yet to throw a fastball because I had only thrown sliders to Bryant. The three fastballs I threw Gore were no where close to where I was trying to throw them. The third one almost ended up hitting him which would have absolutely, positively tied the game at some point because he probably would have stolen second and third. Luckily the ball didn't hit him. It actually hit the umpire. Then (Gore) ended up coming out of his approach a little bit with the 3-2 count and swung at a slider."

"Then I had to be careful with (Javier) Baez because all this guy is trying to do is to tie the game up with a home run so I had to make sure I was careful with him. Even the pitch I struck him out on, it ended up being a pretty lucky pitch - it was more like a cement mixing slider that just stayed up. It had a weird trajectory to it and just stayed straight and went up a little bit because I think I got underneath it a bit with my release. He just ended up swinging underneath the ball."

"I made better pitches to (Albert) Almora, but throughout that inning, I could feel my back knee shaking a little bit everytime I lifted up my leg. I just remember thinking that this was a really nerve-racking situation right here, but I got to do everything I can to lock in my target, at least throw somewhat quality strikes here."

Oberg struck out all four batters he faced in the outing - Bryant, Gore, Baez and Almora. He threw gas in the high 90s and mixed in devastating sliders, forcing all four batters to chase pitches out of the zone. He got Almora for the final out of

the game.

"It was probably more nerve-racking then my (MLB) debut," admitted Oberg. "It was different but similar in certain sense. In my debut, I had no idea what I was doing and everything was super new. In this game, it was different because you new of the implications that were going on. You knew that it was such a grinder of a game and you don't know how long you would end up playing if you don't record all three of those outs."

"It's definitely one of those games that I'll never forget the rest of my life. It'll be one of those memories and moments where it was like that was something that was really special to me and it helped the team win a very important game. I think Buddy said after the game that it was one of those classic type of games. It was back-and-forth, guys were battling, guys were grinding and it was just kind of a dog-fight until the end."

If you watched the game live or replay the video, you could tell that Oberg had no idea what to do when Wolters charged to the mound to celebrate the dramatic win on the Wrigley Field grass.

"I was excited, I pounded my fist and I started walking towards Tony and I was like 'OK, what do we do?' Do we go crazy? At that point, none of that was on my radar whatsoever. As soon as the game was over, it was more of a big relief than anything and I didn't have to be so nervous anymore."

"(The post-game celebration) was a blast. The visiting clubhouse in Wrigley is pretty tight, so you kind of get locked into one spot. We had a blast. My Dad, brother and cousin were out there for the game. They had the standing room adjacent to the clubhouse, so after the team and all of the guys celebrated together, everyone went over to the family room to see their families. It was nice that the three of them were there and a part of it all."

The Rockies seemed to run out of gas in the three-game series with the Brewers. The offense could only muster two runs in three games. Oberg pitched in all three games including being called for a balk on a strange play in the final game, a 6-0 loss which ended an absolutely phenomenal year for Oberg.

"I was definitely proud of the way I threw the ball all

year. I was really happy that I threw the ball as well as I did in the playoffs. I think I struck out everybody but one guy that I got out. To me that's really encouraging moving forward. I would assume that it's encouraging for the club."

The club has a lot of tough decisions to make over the off-season with a number of free agents. Oberg is not a FA until three more seasons, but no longer has options to be sent down, thus that means barring any trades, he'll be a lock for a key spot in the bullpen job next year, perhaps taking over Ottavino's role, who is one of the free agents.

"For the team as a whole, it was one of those years where we were a really good team and I still feel like we still should be playing right now," he said as the interview held during the week of the World Series. "It was a season when we were all clicking at the same time, we completely annihilated teams and it wasn't even close. The starters would go six or seven innings, the offense would put up six or seven runs, then Ottavino and Davis would shut it down (in the last two innings) and it would be good morning, good afternoon and good night, and it wasn't even a contest."

"I think even with that being said, there were times when the offense wasn't there, times when the bullpen wasn't there, times when we got some shorter starts from our starting pitchers, and throughout all of that kind of adversity that we had all gone through over the course of the entire season, I think definitely says a lot about the resiliency of the group of guys we had in the clubhouse this year. The guys never gave in."

"There were some games where it may have looked like we were out of it for most of the game, and it's the ninth inning, two out and no one on and here we are making a charge. We might still have fallen short in those games, but it was definitely a testament to the character and the grittiness of the guys in that clubhouse."

"It was definitely a really fun team and a really fun year. I think we have a lot of good pieces moving forward where we should be able to return to the playoffs (next year) and hopefully make another run like we did this year."

# Pee Wee 2 Youth Hockey team passes go and collects two wins

The Wilmington Wildcat Pee-Wee 2 youth hockey squad was at it again this weekend with the first of two games in as many days taking place Saturday afternoon at the Westborough, North Star Ice Sports complex to face off against the Leafs, who the 'Cats had beaten just two weeks ago in their most recent contest.

It would be worth the ride for the well-rested, but slightly short-handed Wildcats, playing their first game in two weeks as the parity portion of the season came to a close.

The first period was tight as both teams went back and forth with the goaltenders winning out in what

would wind up a scoreless period. In fact, it took until about the halfway point in the contest for the scoreboard to begin reflecting the efforts on the ice when Matthew Newhouse lit the lamp at 10:39 of the second period from Ryan Flynn and Devin Mederios.

Newhouse would also add the second goal later in the period from Aaden Caralis and Nicholas DiGiovanni to put the 'Cats up 2-0 at period's end.

The action continued with a sea of ballcaps flooding the ice as Matty Newhouse secured his second hat-trick of the year when a lonely rebound was left spinning beside the Leaf's sprawled

goaltender.

Any celebrations on the Wilmington side were proved premature though as these Leafs would not blow swiftly away into the windy Westborough night. Instead they mounted a vigorous attack with under five minutes to play, scoring twice to make it a one-goal game.

The play was constant in the Wilmington zone as defensemen Conor Lynch, Aaden Tarr, Derek Sun, and Ryan Weinstein blocked shots, worked the corners, and even killed a late penalty to survive the Leaf's surge. Their efforts, along with some acrobatic goaltending from Dylan Ward assured that the long ride

home would be a happy one as our Wildcats held on for the 3-2 win.

The win would make Wilmington 1-0 for the season with another game just hours away.

The jerseys were still wet when the 'Cats pulled them back on Sunday morning in Haverhill as another opponent lay in wait. It was the 3-0 Assabet Girls in their star-covered red, white, and blue uniforms facing off against our powder-blue Wildcats.

Coach Todd Flynn had all his tools in the toolbox for this one as he rolled out lines of Nicholas DiGiovanni, Matthew Newhouse and Ryan Flynn. Devin Mederios and Jake

Carr also took the centering duties with Aaden Caralis, and Ryan Weinstein.

The Assabet girls were more than a worthy opponent jumping all over the Wildcats early and often as they climbed out to a 3-0 lead by the end of the first period. It would be more of the same in the second as that period wrapped with the score 4-0 in favor of the Assabet squad.

It was 6-0 by the time Jake Carr found the back of the Assabet net from Conor Lynch and Corrine Foley, assuring at least that the squad wouldn't be shutout on the day.

Short their captain Thomas Foley, who's still

nursing a foot injury, he watched with his mates battle undoubtedly frustrated but surely proud as Derek Sun, Connor Lynch, Aaden Tarr and Thomas's sister Carinne Foley gave every bit of themselves out there in his absence.

In the end though it would be the goalie who felt it the most as Dylan Ward just couldn't be everywhere everytime the Assabet girls unloaded. He saw plenty of action in this one from a strong team that never took their foot from the gas. Assabet would close this one out 6-1 as Wilmington's record stands now at 1-1 on the year.



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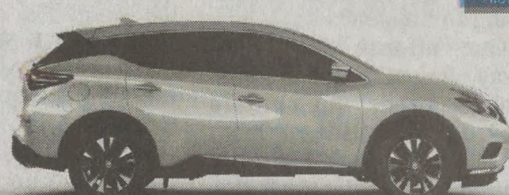
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